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Nazis by any names

The Nazis are back and they want your vote. They don't call themselves Nazis, and they've even dropped the formal Nazi monicker — National Socialists — in favor of the misleading Nationalist Party of Canada.

But don't be fooled.

They've called themselves a number of names over the last few decades — the National Socialist Party, the Edmund Burke Society, the Western Guard and the Nationalist Party of Canada.

Now they proudly describe themselves as "white racists."

But no matter what the name, they're a group of narrow-minded, self-important spreaders of the white supremacy disease. A pustulating pox on the body politic.

They'd be pathetic if they didn't have the alarming tendency to periodically erupt into violence.

Three of them are running in Metro's municipal elections, conducting what they call a "racial census" to gauge their support, to get "a mandate."

All of them are running for mayor: Max French in Scarborough, Robert Ruminski in East York and ex-con Don Andrews in Toronto.

'White racists' spread horrid disease

I normally wouldn't refer to someone as an ex-con, but in Andrews' case it's important. Because his sad and scary past is a key to seeing through the garbage his followers are cloaking their message of hate in these days.

Andrews, 46, has faced a variety of charges related to his racist activities. The list includes: Arson; conspiracy to commit arson; assault causing bodily harm; conspiracy to commit mischief; promoting hatred; and possession of explosives.

He was convicted on all but the arson and the assault causing bodily harm charges.

The Edmund Burke Society and the Western Guard, which Andrews was both in and led, broke up a U of T African students meeting using chains, mace and lumber; waded into a communist march with pipes and lumber; attacked — verbally and physically — members of a black band taping a show at CITY-TV; painted swastikas and racist slogans on more than 100 synagogues, homes and fences; distributed racist anti-semitic and anti-black magazines, newspapers and posters by the thousands; and ran a taped white power telephone message "service."

In their current incarnation the white supremacists reject the "supremacist" label, preferring to call themselves white racists.

"A true racist," East York candidate Robert Ruminski told me, "respects other races but demands his own homeland and will do his own labor."

Scarboro candidate Max French used the identical definition. The pair sounded programmed.

French, 28, like Ruminski, refused to reveal much about himself, or the Nationalist Party's campaign.

"Quite frankly the less the press and the public know about our private lives the better," he said.

He did say his party's goal is an all-white Canada — "a pan-European homeland," in his words, "an Aryan homeland," in Ruminski's.

Asked what would happen to the other races, they clammed up. "Now is not the time for details," both men said.

Ruminski would not take a stand on a single municipal issue saying: "Race is the only issue, it overshadows all the others."

French said: "Race and Blood are the only issues." I could hear the capital letters. And shivered.

Although they both parrot lines about "respecting" all races, their contempt for all but their own twisted kind was evident. People who didn't agree with his vision "are perhaps mentally ill," French said. "I don't really care what they think — their opinions don't matter."

Do the world a favor. On Nov. 14 show them whose opinions do matter.

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Albertans warned of 'spectre of evil'

Inquiry into cross-burning casts light on activities of white-supremacist groups in Western Canada

BY MIRO CERNETIG
Alberta Bureau

EDMONTON — Cross-burnings are usually associated with the U.S. Deep South, where anonymous figures wearing white robes use intimidation to fan hatred between black and white, Jew and Gentile.

But yesterday, Albertans were told that the same elements of intolerance exist in their own backyard and must be stopped.

The warning came from a board of inquiry that investigated a highly publicized cross-burning in an Alberta farmer's field, where the who's who of Canada's white supremacists, neo-Nazi and Ku Klux Klan members gathered for an "Aryan Fest" wearing Nazi uniforms and swastikas and chanting "Death to the Jew" under the light of a flaming cross.

"The spectre of evil is not limited to far-off Europe or the Deep South of the United States," concluded Timothy Christian, the chairman of the

special board of inquiry that was called eight months ago by the province.

"The Nazi regalia and uniforms; the Ku Klux Klan hoods and cross-burning ceremony; the military-style weapons; the racist taunts, the physical and psychological intimidation were not an accidental cluster of phenomena at the Aryan Fest," the report concluded.

Some Albertans had been critical of the government's decision to set up the board of inquiry, concerned that it would give white supremacists a podium to express their views and, in the end, would accomplish nothing.

But the report issued yesterday is a far-reaching document that sheds light on the activities of white-supremacist groups in Western Canada and the Northwestern United States and attempts to ensure that no future cross-burnings will take place in Alberta.

Although the inquiry lacked the

power to bring criminal charges, it did order those who organized the cross-burning near the town of Provost in September of 1990 not to do so again. Terry Long, the Canadian leader of the Church of Jesus Christ Christian Aryan Nations, and Ray Bradley, the owner of the field, were told to refrain from any public displays of swastikas, burning or lighted crosses, or signs or symbols connected with "white power" or the Klu Klux Klan.

If they disobey the order, they could be found in contempt of court and fined or imprisoned.

Mr. Christian, dean of law at the University of Alberta, also said he expects the Crown to look at the "advisability" of starting prosecutions against those at the cross-burning who threatened protesters and reporters, wielded firearms and appeared to be part of a conspiracy to spread hate. A special prosecutor in the Alberta Attorney-General's Department has been supplied with

a copy of the report and transcripts of testimony at the inquiry, he said.

The inquiry was praised by those who have been targeted by white-supremacist and neo-Nazi groups in the past.

"This is what we wanted," said Harvey Kane, a spokesman for the Jewish Defence League of Canada. "Now we might see some charges against these people."

"The board of inquiry has recognized that the desecration of the cross through burning and the display of swastikas and white-power signs are despicable, racist and discriminatory acts which have no place in a Canada which stands for tolerance and equality," said Manuel Prutschi, a spokesman for the Canadian Jewish Congress. "The inquiry ruling strikes another blow at racism and the white-supremacy movement in this country."

But the inquiry, which dragged on over eight months, also proved to be a troubling reminder that neo-Nazis

and white supremacists have an active underground network in Alberta and elsewhere in Western Canada.

That was given credence by Mr. Long, who at first attended the inquiry hearings, strutting around in his trademark powder-blue Aryan Nations leisure suit. However, Mr. Long later skipped out, and could not be located despite an arrest warrant and searches by police, a disappearance that reinforced the belief that he does not operate alone.

"We heard sufficient evidence of the network linking these extremist organizations to convince us there is an international conspiracy to create an Aryan Nation," said Mr. Christian. "The disappearance of Mr. Long and his ability to elude the RCMP may itself be eventually explained by his ability to rely on the network."

Racists come out of closet to spread message of hate

By Kathleen Kenna
TORONTO STAR (6-3-90)

VANCOUVER — The flames that fed public cross-burnings and fire-bombing of minorities' homes in British Columbia in the 1980s have been replaced by cooler tools of racism: computers and printing presses.

In the early '80s, Ku Klux Klan members gave out anti-Semitic literature on Vancouver sidewalks behind their traditional pointy hoods and robes. The hatemongers of the '90s don't hide.

At noon, they try to foist "white pride" pamphlets on the lunch crowd downtown. By night, they plaster suburban neighborhoods with posters crying, "Keep Canada prosperous, bright and white."

Some weekends, they wear swastika pins and brandish Nazi flags at peace parades and environmental rallies.

Some are skinheads with "SS" symbols cut into their hair, burned into their skin, or painted on their boots. Some are middle-aged men with paunches hinting at a comfortable, middle-class life.

Many are historical revisionists who admire the "Holocaust hoax" campaign of Ernst Zundel, the recently jailed Toronto publisher. A few are firearms dealers, importers of Hitler memorabilia and producers of pro-Nazi souvenirs.

Most find a haven in the anti-Semitic, pro-white Aryan Resistance Movement.

Its officers claim to print thousands of pieces of literature a week from printing presses in Mission, about 130 kilometres (80 miles) east of Vancouver in B.C.'s fundamentalist Bible belt.

Among ARM's latest offerings:

□ Flyers advocating the hanging of Communists. A sketch on the flyer shows a just-castrated man, wearing a peace-symbol T-shirt, hanging from a tree.

□ An "Aryans Awake!" poster claiming that whites are nearing extinction.

□ A monthly newsletter, The Spokesman.

Its current, 10-page issue features articles about Asian investors taking over Canadian cities, the stage names of more than 200 Jewish celebrities in North America, and Canadian newspaper clippings about anti-Semitic graffiti and skinhead "terrorism."

White pride

Brent, a 33-year-old welder who recruits new members and is in charge of computerizing Spokesman's February issue, apologizes for this edition's swastikas and crude, Oriental caricatures.

"We're pulling away from that stuff," he says during an interview at a Korean restaurant. "I couldn't care less about Hitler. I care about white pride. It's a working man's movement, a white supremacist movement — I don't see any black aerospace scientists around, do you? — because there's a void for our kind of politics."

Reluctant to give his last name, Brent says he's a former Klansman who burned crosses in B.C. before the group disbanded under severe public pressure in 1982. He helped found ARM two years ago.

He was inspired by Aryan Nations, a whites-only conclave in Idaho, where Aryan Resistance Movement members go in spring for a North American skinhead convention (book

burnings, self-defence, weddings) and in summer for an armed gathering of the Ku Klux Klan and other groups (cross burnings, lectures, propaganda seminars).

ARM has an extensive telephone network with similar groups, including the White Aryan Resistance's 20 hotlines across the United States, as well as with followers of Aryan Nations' church leader Terry Long, a sawmill worker trying for years to set up an all-white compound in Alberta.

"People are buying land and giving donations to buy land," says Brent. "The trouble is, we can't agree where to put it. Some want it on the coast, some want it in the interior."

Police Chief Bob Stewart says he believes a combined effort by city police and the RCMP has limited ARM's influence. His officers estimate ARM members are limited to less than a few dozen.

Brent claims hundreds of members, mostly self-described "white separatists" who keep their politics underground by subscribing to The Spokesman and financing ARM through donations and a mail order business that includes cassettes of



CHRIST HELGREN FOR THE TORONTO STAR

SPREADING RACISM: A Vancouver pedestrian, top, trashes a pamphlet handed out by a member of the Aryan Resistance Movement. At left, the Nazi insignia worn on the boots of skinheads in the city.

RACISM IN B.C.

Second of three parts.

Hitler Youth and Third Reich songs at \$6; Hitler posters, \$10; Holocaust "hoax" books, \$8 and \$2 bumper stickers, some of which say, "Send them all back where they came from" and "Bomb the boats — feed the fish."

Sociologist Hari Sharma says community groups are waking up to a new strain of racially motivated abuse and vandalism they thought they had stopped when the KKK was driven out of B.C. in 1982.

"People who stir up organized violence and hate are a menace" and have been linked in the past decade to unprovoked street assaults, fire-bombings and the death-by-kicking of an East Indian man that neither the police nor courts admitted was race-related, Sharma recalls.

"We were horrified to see, last week, new houses in (suburban) Surrey and Delta spray-painted with KKK symbols and racist graffiti," says Sharma, a Simon Fraser University professor who has served on several city and school board race relations committees and is with the B.C. Organization to Fight Racism.

"That form of racism seemed to subside substantially after 1983, but unfortunately, in the last year, it seems to be on the rise again."

In a city rife with offhand comments about "the Asian invasion," Brent believes the movement can win support from those who turn up at public meetings to complain that Hong Kong investors and immigrants are responsible for increased crime, an overheated housing market, so-called "monster houses" and myriad other growing pains of a city undergoing sudden expansion after the 1986 world's fair.

Some skinheads associated with the Aryan movement adopt Nazi salutes, gestures and paraphernalia, but "we're not neo-Nazis," insists Tony McLean, a 22-year-old lab technician who became a skinhead in England seven years ago.

He's national director of ARM Skins — he claims six Ontario chapters with several hundred members — and delights in bringing "the boys" to Vancouver for rallies featuring salutes, high boots and uniform-like black garb.

Many ethnic groups want a crack-down on hate literature that's becoming more commonplace in southern B.C. But police and lawyers say federal and provincial laws are too lax to win convictions.

They also worry about giving further publicity to the racist groups.

□ Tomorrow: America's godfather of racism.

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B.C. to step up its fight against hate lit material

By
MAURICE LUCOW

VICTORIA —

British Columbia Attorney General Bud Smith announce this week that he is increasing resources to combat the spread of hate literature being distributed on the streets of downtown Vancouver.

Smith said he "views the distribution of hate literature with increasing concern" and has promised that his ministry will consider "all possible ways to combat its spread."

Smith said Crown counsel and police have met to co-ordinate their efforts in the wake of incidents involving hate literature on Vancouver streets and near schools, as well as the desecration of places of worship with graffiti and vandalism.

In a news release, Smith said he has instructed both legal services and criminal justice branches of his ministry "to consider all possible alternatives, whether through civil injunction or the use of criminal law to combat the spread of hate literature."

Smith added that "while I recognize those incidents are limited in number and perpetuated by a few isolated individuals, it is time that we, as society and government, take measures to combat the problem before it escalates."

Meanwhile, the Vancouver Sun reports that the most recent incident occurred Sept. 18 at Kitsilano Secondary School in Vancouver. Three days after a clash between two groups of youths at the school, a man was discovered trying to distribute a one-page pamphlet which included a photocopy of a newspaper story referring to the confrontation, caricatures of Asians and a racist description of the clash.

The group claiming responsibility for the material, according to The Sun story, is the Kerrisdale division of the Aryan Resistance Movement, which gave as its address a Vancouver post office box.

Inspector Al Grandia, of the Vancouver police community relations section, said the material was placed in front of school doors before classes began in the morning. But he said the material was "intercepted" by a citizen and no student actually picked up the material.

Grandia said the person distributing the material has been identified and the investigation is continuing. He said police believe the material is linked to a post office box in Mission, B.C., said to be a source of racist and anti-Semitic brochures and leaflets by the same group.

The inspector said that "in the last six months we

have had an increase in material. When I say increase, that is from almost nothing to a few items."

He said he would like to see a charge laid in each and every incident but the hate propaganda section of the Criminal Code requires the consent of the attorney general to lay charges.

The attorney general said in his news release that while the Charter of Rights and Freedom guarantees freedom of expression, that right is "not absolute and has limitations. In my view, the wilful promotion of hatred, which is the antithesis of freedom of expression, is one of those limitations."

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In an effort to improve race relations in Vancouver, graduating students who have made outstanding contributions towards race relations and multiculturalism will be eligible for \$100 scholarships this June. One Grade 12 student in each of Vancouver's 18 secondary schools will be chosen to receive the Dr. Joe Katz Scholarship, according to the Vancouver school board's race relations consultant, Adam Krawczyk.

The scholarship fund is named after a former member of the B.C. Human Rights Commission and president of the Multicultural Societies and Service Agencies of B.C. Katz died in 1988.



YOUNG FACE OF RACISM

Each week Jamie and the boys get together to quaff a few coffees and discuss racism. Sometimes the weekly coffee gatherings swell to 70 men, women and children — converging like a beleaguered herd to present a defence against a mutual foe.

Beneath their skinhead hairstyles and above their drab olive army clothes, their faces are pale.

The enemy is not black, brown, or yellow.

The enemy is a philosophy they believe spells doom for the white species.

"Whites are only 9% of the population of the world," said Grayson MacLeod, 15, of Toronto. "We're a vanishing species. If people believe in saving the whales, then why not save the white species."

"When two separate breeds of dog mate, they make a mutt."

"People make a big issue over an animal going extinct. We care about our own preservation."

They were meeting yesterday at a restaurant near the Rosedale subway station. Aged 13 to 29, they came from as far as Oakville.

The weekly gatherings are called by Don Andrews, head of the Nationalist Party of Canada, which is campaigning for an all-white Canada.

The older persons attending tend to be Nationalist members spreading the party word.

"We push book reading and education," said Robert Ruminski, 25, who unsuccessfully ran for mayor of East York last November under the Nationalist banner.

"We learn from history. We want to see what brought people down who proclaim racism like the Nazis. We're not Nazis — they didn't succeed. They killed innocent people."

They discuss Machiavelli's *The Prince*, books on the French Revolution, *The Life and Times of Rasputin*, *Armed and Dangerous*, *Talk to Death*, and *The Decline*

and Fall of the Roman Empire.

Most of all they read Stanley Barrett's *Is God a Racist?*, subtitled *The Right Wing in Canada*.

Skinheads are said to number 1,000 across Canada, and many thousands in the U.S. and Europe.

Deputy Police Chief William McCormack has estimated there are 300 skinheads in Metro.

In recent months skinhead "swarms" have done a few muggings in Metro.

But those aren't "dedicated skinheads," said Jamie, Ross 15, of east Metro.

The Trojan Skinheads, for example, "are not racists — they're just a hairstyle," said Jamie.

The "dedicated skinhead," he said, is against bigotry, racial attacks, Nazis, drugs, abortion and rape.

The dedicated mouth slogans like "Be a racist, not a reactionary Archie Bunker Bigot!"

Real skinheads, said Jamie, are in gangs such as the West End Bad Boys, East End Kids, Isabella Skinheads, and the Back Ally Boys.

DAVID KENDALL



"Skinhead is more than a style of hair. It's a way of living," he said. "We believe the races would live better and more productively separate."

"We want to preserve our own race."

"A real racist respects other races, but demands his own homeland and does his own labor," said Ruminski. "We're against the South African policy of living off the labor of the blacks."

"God is a racist. He made the separate races."

Waitress Anne Lane, 20, adopted the white racist policy when "my eyes were opened" by Pete Mitreuski, her boyfriend and a member of the Nationalist Party.

After moving to Metro from Ottawa where the population is nearly all white, she said, "I began wondering where all the whites were going."

"We're going extinct. We're like the Indians — losing our land."

'Friends' showed teenager the way

Talisman Pickering, 14, listened to politicians extol multiculturalism.

He listened to teachers preach the merits of racial harmony.

He listened to "friends" from the Nationalist Party of Canada talk about the virtues of racism.

He chose racism.

"I'm just learning who I am," he said yesterday after the weekly meeting of about 40 members and supporters of the Nationalist Party.

"I'm going through my identity stage. I'm doing a lot of reading."

He points to the red patch on the sleeve of his army surplus jacket, the emblem of the party — a circle split into four quarters, symbolizing the globe and its four major separate races.

Talisman's parents split up when he was two years old, and he has alternated between them for 12 years.

"My parents never really brought me up," he said.

He shaved his head 18 months ago, after hearing school chums describe the skinhead philosophy of preservation of the white species.

"I've learned more hanging around with the Nationalist Party than I did in history class."

"Right now, I can't say this is the way I'll always live. I'm only 14."

"Teachers are all right. I listened to them too."

"Then I chose."

Photos by MIKE CASSESE



AT LEFT, Talisman Pickering, 14, is hoisted by skinhead friends Grayson MacLeod, left, and Jamie Ross, both 15. At right is Peter Mitreuski, Nationalist Party member. Ross is in top photo.

KKK's Duke had tie to T.O.

By IAN HARVEY
Toronto Sun

Louisiana politician David Duke was once involved with Toronto mercenaries planning to overthrow Dominica and Grenada.

Duke, a former Ku Klux Klan imperial wizard, took his seat in the Louisiana House of Representatives Wednesday.

Duke visited Toronto in 1977 to recruit sympathizers for the KKK.

He also met with Canadian conspirator Wolfgang Droege in Vancouver in 1980.

Duke told the *Sunday Sun* he's in touch with "Canadian supporters; they are all over, in Toronto and out West."

But he refused to talk about the 1981 attempted coup of Dominica, which landed Toronto KKK organizer Droege, 39, and member Larry Jacklin, 30, of Listowel, in a New Orleans jail. Also arrested in Dominica was Mary McGuire of Toronto, at the time a KKK grand titan.

Behind the scenes were Toronto mob figure Charles Yanover, former Canadian KKK Grand Wizard James Alex McQuirter and Western Guard leader Don Andrews.

Duke's role was to recruit a force to set up a white supremacist state on the small Caribbean island.

FBI agents arrested 10 heavily armed mercenaries in a boat as they left New Orleans on April 27, 1981.

Duke told a New Orleans grand jury in 1981 he knew nothing of the plot and wasn't charged. KKK leader Stephen Black was, however, convicted and jailed.

Duke later admitted he knew the Klan was involved.

"The main thing they wanted me for was to find men who were willing to participate in such an anti-communist operation," Duke told a reporter in 1983.

Yanover was indicted in plots against North Korea and in the bombing of a Bloor St. disco. His involvement was in helping with surveillance photos of defence installations on Dominica and Grenada.

The Grenada plan was dropped because Cuban troops had moved in. The group instead targeted Dominica, where Yanover hoped to set up a casino with mob boss Paul Volpe. Drug smuggling was also considered.

Yanover was sentenced to six months for conspiracy.

During the planning stages Duke travelled to Vancouver to meet Droege and recruit Klan members.



DAVID DUKE
Won election

New face stirs old hates



DUKE

METAIRIE, La. — Look up Ku Klux Klan in the New Orleans phone book and you'll find David Duke's number.

And for the former Grand Wizard of the Louisiana Realm of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, there will be an addendum to that entry: Duke, David, 81st District State Representative.

If there was room it would add racist, neo-Nazi and white supremacist.

At 38, Duke is boyishly and disarmingly handsome, with his blond hair, flashing white teeth, blue eyes, muscular build and a charming nature. Women are mesmerized, men intrigued.

He is the consummate politician, confident in front of TV lights, articulate fielding questions — a man with purpose and intellect.

The reality is that Duke is the most disturbing phenomenon in American politics for 30 years.

His election last Saturday in the all-white New Orleans suburb here was major setback in the war Louisiana has waged to set aside its ties to the "Old South."

There were only 46 registered black voters in the district which sent Duke to the Capitol in Baton Rouge by a squeaky 227 vote plurality.

"Instead of concentrating on David Duke — he is just symptom of the real disease — we should be concerned about the 6,000 people who voted for him," said black Rep. Raymond A. Jetson. "He was intelligent enough to run in the one district he could win."

Metairie, a northwestern suburb, is a mecca for fringe political groups. It's home to a Neo-Nazi group and the white supremacist New Christian Crusade Church.

In 1986, Metairie council ordered barricades placed across roads leaving the suburb to prevent "black criminals from fleeing after they burglarize and rob citizens."

And this is Louisiana, where politics is like the food, hot and spicy. It is a state where depressed oil prices have battered the economy into submission, where unemployment is the highest in the country, especially among the 30% black population.

This is an environment ripe for Duke, who can point the finger at affirmative action programs, swollen welfare rolls and socialism as the root of evil.

In 20 years, Duke has amassed what Republican party national chairman Lee Atwater called a "shameful" career.

He started by protesting busing as a high school student at John F. Kennedy in Baton Rouge, graduating to Louisiana State University where he wore Nazi insignia and argued white supremacy.

Duke entered the business world with a history degree and promptly went on the lecture circuit espousing his doctrine of hatred, publishing a Klan news letter, the *Crusader* and running his Patriot Bookstore in Metairie.

Duke is a master of media manipulation and knows free publicity is his biggest tool.

He's staged media stunts like a vigilante patrol along the border to stop Mexican immigrants, gone to Boston during race riots to distribute Klan literature, and posed for photographs in his robe outside England's Houses of Parliament.

He says he's a "proud" American, anti-communist, a patriot. And people are listening.

He has fulfilled his 1975 boast, that "by the 1980s there will be a white orientated political party."

Today, Duke says he doesn't talk about "the past."

"We all change, we all evolve. I still believe in equal rights for everyone. We all grow as individuals. I don't have every same opinion as back then, and I can't back up every thing I've ever said."

That was then, this is now he insists.

"I am against taxes, I am concerned about welfare, and I am against discrimination black or white."

Translated, it means Duke wants to dismantle the affirmative action program.

"We've got to do something to solve the problem of the rising welfare underclass. That's a problem in Canada and the United States, even the entire western world. If we don't address that, we will not be able to maintain fiscal well being or our social fabric."

Translation: He wants to make welfare recipients — mostly blacks — earn their handout. He favors free birth control for women on welfare, but denies he ever floated the notion of voluntary sterilization.

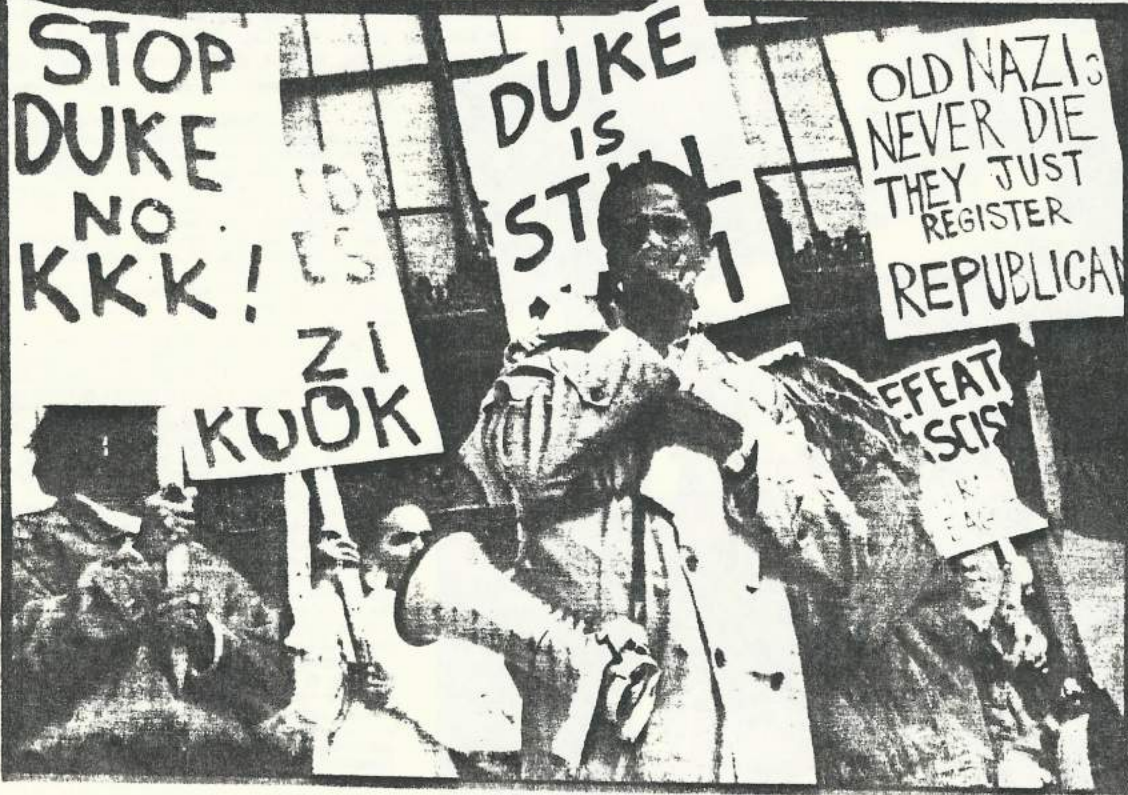
"If you find anyone who has any relationship with Duke and who does not in their hearts believe him to be a racist, call me, I have some oceanfront property in Nebraska I'd like to talk to them about," grins Jetson. "He is a racist."

And while Duke claims his only organization has been the National Association for the Advancement of White People — a group he modelled after the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People — he still has strong ties to the Klan.

A CLEAN-CUT David Duke after his election to the Louisiana state legislature (TOP). The other side is Duke as Grand Wizard of the Louisiana Klu Klux Klan (ABOVE).



OF KKKKAAOS



Sun reporter Ian Harvey discovers the two faces of Louisiana politician David Duke, former Klu Klux Klan leader and now state representative. He's handsome and charming ... but beneath the smooth exterior is a dangerous white supremacist. Harvey calls Duke's election the most disturbing phenomenon in U.S. politics in 30 years.

The NAAWP newsletter, among other theories, claims the Holocaust was a fabrication.

"Canada?" asked Ray Lee Leahart, of Metairie, one of Duke's entourage in the halls of the Capitol in Baton Rouge. "Why y'all had that (Ernst) Zundel trial up there. Don't y'all have free speech? They ain't never proved six million died."

The sentiment is typical of the hardcore racist following Duke attracts, uneducated, poor whites who seek to blame all their ills on the plague of creeping socialism.

"We're not racist," insists Rita Ockman, a supporter. "We love him. We're against affirmative action because it denies whites jobs. These welfare people are buying steak and roasts and we're eating hamburger. It ain't right."

More than 1,000 individual contributions to his campaign from outside the state were linked to a Klan underground fundraising machine.

"This has always been part of the Klan's strategy," notes Danny Welch, of Klanwatch, Montgomery, Ala., organization. "Duke and others run for any office just to give themselves a platform. It's free publicity and it gets them members."

In the past Duke has run for the Democratic presidential nomination, for president twice, for the state senate, polling 30% of the vote. He also ran unsuccessfully for a state representative seat last year.

"Most Klan members are lucky to have graduated high school," said Welch. "Duke is different in that he is a college graduate. What is scary is that Klans that previously didn't have anything to do with him will use this election to say: 'Mainstream America is ready for us.'"

But Welch is philosophical about the threat of Duke's power.

"Look, he's just one man in that house," said Welch. "Give him credit. He talked about things everyone is concerned about, taxes, unemployment, crime. And he won. That's democracy. We'll just have to wait and see how it develops."

DUKE'S ELECTION set tempers flaring — opponents demonstrated on the steps of the Louisiana legislature (TOP) and supporters made their feelings known on signs like the one on right.



Natives demand Campbell probe trapper's death

Questions still surround slaying
by Prince Albert white supremacist

BY DAVID ROBERTS
The Globe and Mail

PRINCE ALBERT, Sask. — Justice Minister Kim Campbell is being denounced for failing to respond to requests for a federal inquiry into the killing of an Indian man by a white supremacist neo-Nazi.

"As long as there is no independent investigation, the situation in Prince Albert between Indians and non-Indians is going to get worse," A. J. Felix, Chief of the Prince Albert Tribal Council, said in an interview.

"There will be more people dying in the streets," he warned.

Leo LaChance was shot to death last Jan. 28 as he left the Northern Gun & Pawn Shop, owned by Carney Milton Nerland, the 25-year-old leader of the Saskatchewan chapter of the white supremacist Church of Jesus Christ Christian — Aryan Nations.

Mr. LaChance, 48, a trapper from the Whitefish Indian reserve was unarmed, apparently trying to pawn a rifle that was at home.

Mr. Nerland, a firearms expert, fired two shots from a 7.62 mm assault rifle into the floor of the gun shop and then a third shot through the door as Mr. LaChance was leaving.

The native man staggered from the scene and collapsed in the snow. A passer-by found him cold and unconscious and asked Mr. Nerland for emergency use of his telephone, but was refused.

"If I'm convicted of shooting that

Indian, I should get a medal and you should pin it on me," police quoted Mr. Nerland as saying after his arrest.

The neo-Nazi later insisted that he did not know the weapon was loaded and that the shooting was accidental. He pleaded guilty to a charge of manslaughter and was sentenced to four years in prison in April. The Crown did not appeal.

The sentencing judge said he could find no evidence that the gun-shop owner's racist beliefs played a factor in Mr. LaChance's death.

But a number of unanswered questions have clouded the case, especially the question about the extent of Mr. Nerland's friendship with police officers and with federal and provincial corrections workers. The incident has done little to ease tensions between natives and non-natives in this community of 35,000. Prince Albert is about 35 per cent native.

Two corrections workers were in the gun shop at the time of the shooting. But they did not report the incident to police until nearly 24 hours later, after consulting their lawyers. A former jail guard offered to post bail for Mr. Nerland.

Police spoke to Mr. LaChance before he was flown to hospital in Saskatoon. Before dying, he apparently told them he did not know why he had been shot.

But Mr. Felix and other native leaders find this incredible. "If it was an accident, why was Leo trying to get away?" Mr. Felix asked. "I think



Carney Nerland is led into a Saskatchewan courtroom last April.

(Canadian Press)

there was one hell of an argument — and he was murdered."

Mr. Felix, Gerald Morin of the Indian-Metis Friendship Centre and Prince Albert Mayor Gordon Kirkby all have written letters to Ms. Campbell asking for an independent inquiry into the shooting.

Their requests have not been acknowledged, Mr. Felix said. Owen Lippert, a spokesman for Ms. Campbell, said the minister has insufficient staff to respond to all of the many letters she receives. As well, it is unclear Ms. Campbell has the jurisdictional responsibility to respond to requests for such an inquiry, Mr. Lippert said.

Mr. Felix said that, since the RCMP had peripheral involvement

in the shooting investigation and the Canadian Security Intelligence Service monitors activities of groups such as the Aryan Nation, CSIS would be the most logical agency to undertake an inquiry.

Failing even to acknowledge receipt of the letters demonstrates a degree of arrogance on the part of non-native politicians, he said.

"Until this thing is settled I'm concerned my natives will have a police-native war," Mr. Felix said.

The fact Mr. Nerland returned to the gun shop hours after the shooting, ostensibly to retrieve business records, is suspicious, Mr. Felix suggested. Some people in Prince Albert have publicly wondered whether the records contained an Aryan Nations membership list.

Mr. Felix said there is growing speculation the gun-shop records might contain what he described as a "Nazi hit list".

He noted there is at least one unsolved death of a native youth in the city. The body was found last year in the North Saskatchewan River, and Mr. Felix said lawyers are attempting to have it exhumed after a suggestion by the youth's family that he may have been shot and the circumstances covered up.

Former jail guard Roy McKnight, who offered to post bail for Mr. Nerland, said he is convinced the shooting was a tragic accident. "Nothing good came out of this," Mr. McKnight said. "Leo LaChance lost his life and Carney Nerland ruined his."

Inquiry stalled over RCMP informant's identity

Sources suggest a name as Saskatchewan court ruling awaited in Nerland case

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BY DAVID ROBERTS
The Globe and Mail

A Saskatchewan inquiry into the killing of an Indian by white-supremacist Carney Nerland is being held up while the courts decide whether to reveal the identity of a key RCMP informant — a person several sources have suggested is Mr. Nerland himself.

The commission of inquiry has been asked to find whether organized racism played a role in the shooting of trapper Leo LaChance in January, 1991, by Mr. Nerland, who

since 1989 has been Saskatchewan leader of the Church of Jesus Christ Christian — Aryan Nations.

The public inquiry is also seeking to determine whether racism played a role in the Prince Albert Police investigation of the shooting, and whether it was a factor in the prosecutorial process. In April, 1991, Mr. Nerland pleaded guilty to manslaughter, for which he received a four-year prison term. He is eligible for parole in August.

During the hearings, the RCMP has been vigorously fighting to pro-

tect the identity of someone it describes as a key RCMP operative. But the commissioners have ruled that the identity of the informant may be relevant and should be revealed. The matter is tentatively scheduled to be heard by the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal on Aug. 5, and until then the commission has been ordered by the court not to probe into any evidence that may tend to reveal the identity of the operative.

Meanwhile, several sources have pointed to Mr. Nerland as an infor-

mant.

Daniel Levitas of the Atlanta-based Centre for Democratic Renewal, a U.S. civil-rights organization that monitors the Ku Klux Klan and other white-supremacist groups across North America, said he has been given information that Mr. Nerland was a police informant.

"I'd heard that," he said in an interview, describing his information as coming from "reliable sources not connected with the Nerland case."

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Inquiry delayed over identity of informant

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Mr. Levitas has been testifying as an expert witness in the Winnipeg trial of three alleged members of the Ku Klux Klan.

Mr. Nerland, a prisoner at Stony Mountain Penitentiary near Winnipeg, refused to be interviewed yesterday.

The RCMP will neither confirm nor deny that he has ever been an informant. Lawyers involved in the commission of inquiry also would not explicitly confirm or deny that he is the key informant the RCMP is trying to protect.

It was also suggested to police, Crown officials and intelligence agents that Mr. Nerland was a police operative.

"You've put two and two together," one non-police official said. "I'm glad you've got it. The informant has been entrenched for at least five years. He was paid."

Mr. LaChance was shot as he left Mr. Nerland's Northern Gun & Pawn shop on Jan. 28, 1991. Mr. Nerland has said the shooting was accidental, but he allegedly told police at one point that "if I'm convicted of shooting that Indian I should get a medal — and you should pin it on me."

Native leaders contend he should have been charged with murder, and they accused the police and the Crown of racism in the way the case was handled. The sentencing judge found no connection between Mr. Nerland's white-supremacist beliefs and the killing.

But Mr. Levitas said his organization in Atlanta became suspicious that Mr. Nerland may have had a special relationship with the police because of the apparently lenient sentence and the fact that there was no trial, just a guilty plea. It is not uncommon in the United States or Canada for police operatives to attempt to cut special deals with pro-

secutors when they get into trouble, he noted.

The inquiry has heard that an off-duty RCMP officer arrived at the scene shortly after the shooting. It also has heard that an RCMP intelligence officer, Allan Lawrence, approached Prince Albert prosecutor John Field shortly after Mr. Nerland was arrested, informing the Crown of his Aryan Nations connections. During that meeting, Mr. Lawrence expressed concern that the defendant might not show up for his trial if he were granted bail. During this same meeting the RCMP officer divulged the name of an informant.

Saskatchewan prosecutors contend that racism was not a factor in their decision to stick with a manslaughter charge against Mr. Nerland, despite a hint by the bail judge that consideration should be given to upgrading the charge to murder.

The RCMP contends in documents filed in the Court of Appeal that even if an individual is sus-

pected of being a police informant, his identity must be protected; but if an informant is "well-known" or "notorious," the question of protecting his identity is moot.

The commission's lawyers intend to argue that the usual protection against disclosure afforded police informants does not extend to operatives who break the law. RCMP lawyer Marty Popescul said the force routinely warns informers they cannot expect any special favours if they run afoul of the law.

Commission counsel Morris Bodnar said "it would be very important to the commission to know that he [Mr. Nerland] is the informant" — if this is in fact the case.

One source asked: "How many Leo LaChances have to die before the RCMP come to the enlightened conclusion that the public safety is more important than protecting the identity of an informant? When do you draw the line? When there's two Leo LaChances dead?"

Aryan Nation 'sympathizers' among police, inquiry hears

'Attitudes, not involvement,' Prince Albert officer says

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BY DAVID ROBERTS
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PRINCE ALBERT, Sask. — An inquiry into the slaying of a native trapper by a white supremacist has been told of Aryan Nations sympathizers within the Prince Albert Police Department.

In dramatic evidence yesterday before a commission probing the killing of Leo LaChance by Carney Nerland on Jan. 28, 1991, Corporal Bruce Parker refused to identify the police sympathizers, saying he feared losing his job.

The three-member commission has been asked by the Saskatchewan government to find whether "organized racist activity" contributed to the shooting or influenced the police investigation and prosecutorial process. Mr. Nerland pleaded guilty to manslaughter, and received a four-year term.

Mr. LaChance was shot while leaving Mr. Nerland's Northern Pawn and Gun in Prince Albert on a frigid winter's evening. The 27-year-old shop owner is leader of the Saskatchewan chapter of the Church of Jesus Christ Christian — Aryan Nations, and a member of the Ku Klux Klan.

"There are sympathizers of that organization" in the police department, Cpl. Parker told the tribunal, although to his knowledge none was directly involved in the investigation.

He refused to identify the officers. "I'm not prepared to go into detail on that at the risk of losing my employment."

Cpl. Parker, one of a handful of native officers on the 65-member Prince Albert force, said he was simply aware that a few of his police colleagues share the Aryan Nations philosophy. This became more obvious after Mr. LaChance was killed, he said.

"I would say it was attitudes, not involvement," he explained, adding that the majority of people who

'I'm not prepared to go into detail on that at the risk of losing my employment.'

come in contact with police in the city of 35,000 are aboriginal.

Mr. Nerland, who has maintained that the shooting was an accident, allegedly told police during his bail hearing: "If I'm convicted of killing that Indian I should get a medal and you should pin it on me."

The Crown maintains there was no evidence that Mr. LaChance's death was premeditated or intentional. The sentencing judge found that Mr. Nerland's racist beliefs played no role in the killing.

But the four-year sentence for manslaughter has provoked deep expressions of anger and suspicion by native and human-rights organizations across Canada, which say Mr. Nerland should have been charged with murder.

Critics also have raised questions about the police investigation. It is

apparent that Mr. Nerland regularly associated with police officers and prison guards. (Six federal and provincial correctional institutions are located at Prince Albert).

Cpl. Parker, who took photographs of the crime scene, testified yesterday that Mr. Nerland was with investigators in the gun shop the day after the shooting as they combed it for evidence. This was unusual, he said.

Two corrections employees who were in the shop when the shooting occurred are yet to testify before the inquiry. They gave police statements quoting Mr. Nerland as complaining, immediately after the shooting, that if he had hit the Indian his business would be ruined.

Commission counsel Morris Bodnar said that after the inquiry resumes again in mid-June, he intends to show that Mr. Nerland gave a false statement to police the next day. In that statement, he said two strangers came into his store and that he felt threatened by them. While his back was turned, he said, he heard a gun discharge.

Mr. Nerland, a prisoner at Stony Mountain Institution north of Winnipeg, has refused to testify before the commission, and has no legal standing before it. Officials are contemplating asking a Manitoba court for an order requiring that he be produced at the hearing. He is eligible for full parole in August.

Klan crippled in Manitoba, police say

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Two men charged with advocating genocide against minority groups

BY DAVID ROBERTS
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WINNIPEG — Police say they have crippled the Ku Klux Klan in Manitoba with the arrest yesterday of two men they described as leaders.

The arrests were made after a 13-month-long undercover operation in which police infiltrated the Klan. Police are considering charges against four to six other men.

William James Marcus, 21, and Theron Maurice Skryba, 25, both of Winnipeg, have been charged under Section 318 of the Criminal Code with advocating and promoting genocide against minority groups. Police identified the targeted minorities as blacks, Jews, homosexuals and aboriginal people.

The charges, authorized by Manitoba Attorney-General James McCrae, carry a maximum five-year jail term upon conviction.

Police say three KKK cells were operating in Manitoba, two in Winnipeg and a third in Gimli, an hour's drive north of the capital.

"We feel this will do away with the core members of the Klan and virtually destroy their ability to carry on activity," Winnipeg Police Inspector Con Gislason told a news conference at which police displayed seized weapons and a vast array of neo-Nazi, Ku Klux Klan and Aryan Nations propaganda.

"We're confident . . . that we have destroyed the ability of the Klan to grow in the Manitoba area. . . .

"These people are intelligent, well connected, well schooled and well trained in the activities of the Klan," he said. "They are connected to major Klan members in Alberta, Montreal and various areas in the United States."

Among the material seized were large pencil drawings of Adolph Hitler and Carney Milton Nerland, the Saskatchewan leader of the Church of Jesus Christ-Aryan Nations.

Mr. Nerland is serving a five-year penitentiary term after being convicted of manslaughter for shooting to death a native man in Prince Albert, Sask., last January. Saskatchewan's Justice Department is investigating the incident after native groups complained that the neo-Nazi shot Leo Lachance, a trapper, in cold blood but was dealt with too lightly by the justice system.

Winnipeg police said Mr. Nerland has become a folk hero among Klansmen and Aryan Nations members in Canada. The sketch appears to be a copy of a photo of shotgun-toting Mr. Nerland that appeared in The Globe and Mail last May. It was taken at an Aryan Nations rally in Alberta in 1990.

Also seized by police during raids

on six Winnipeg homes Wednesday were ammunition, knives, biographies of Hitler and Rudolph Hess, books on the Waffen SS, tapes, records, Klan robes and membership certificates, T-shirts, pins, business cards and scores of white-supremacist books and pamphlets.

Police also seized a Ruger Mark 14 .30-calibre semi-automatic rifle, a .22-calibre rifle and two telephone-answering machines police say were used for a line offering taped messages promoting Klan philosophy.

Human-rights groups in Manitoba have been pressing for action for more than a year after the phone line was set up.

"The KKK hot line is out of business. That's it over there," Insp. Gislason said, pointing to the answering machines.

Police infiltrated meetings and other KKK activities in Manitoba beginning in November, 1990. The investigation uncovered evidence that the three Klan cells in Manitoba are directly linked to similar groups in Alberta, Quebec and the United States, Insp. Gislason said.

"The legislation dealing with this area is very complex and it requires very specific and difficult proof," he said. "We are alleging the individuals . . . are promoting genocide of identifiable minority groups through the distribution of litera-

ture, the conducting of meetings, which we allege to be public meetings, and ongoing promotional activities."

The Alberta Human Rights Commission recently concluded a series of public hearings into the activities of white-supremacist groups in that province, but an alleged leader of the Church of Jesus Christ-Aryan Nations, Terry Long, has disappeared.

Before yesterday's arrests, the Canadian Human Rights Commission also had been monitoring the activities of the KKK in Manitoba after complaints from the B'nai Brith and other organizations.

Nicole Ritchot, the commission's regional director, said the agency wants to set up a tribunal to hold public hearings into the activities of white-supremacist groups in Manitoba. But she said they could be postponed until after the disposition of the criminal charges.

Winnipeg police say 25 to 30 people appear to have been active in the Klan in Manitoba in the past year. "We have identified during the course of our investigation three cells of the Ku Klux Klan with eight to 10 affiliates per cell," Insp. Gislason said.

Mr. Marcus was arrested Wednesday night at a shopping mall distributing pamphlets.

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Anti-racism group's office ransacked, walls defaced

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WINNIPEG — Thieves have ransacked an anti-racism group's offices for the second time in two days, spray-painting the walls with racist phrases and the letters KKK.

The Manitoba Coalition Against Racism and Apartheid believes the raid was a reprisal for last week's police crackdown on the area chapter of the Ku Klux Klan.

Burglars first broke into the office late Christmas Eve or early Christmas Day and pulled out a file the group is keeping on the white supremacist group.

The premises were broken into again late Christmas Day or early yesterday, said Gary Dawyduk, a volunteer with the coalition.

Intruders ransacked filing cabinets, sprayed racist graffiti on the walls.

The coalition has been a vocal opponent of Klan activities and filed a complaint with the Canadian Human Rights Commission last week over a telephone hotline the area Klan was operating before being shut down.

Winnipeg police charged two alleged members of the KKK last week with promoting genocide.

Ku Klux Klan cells in Manitoba smashed by undercover officers

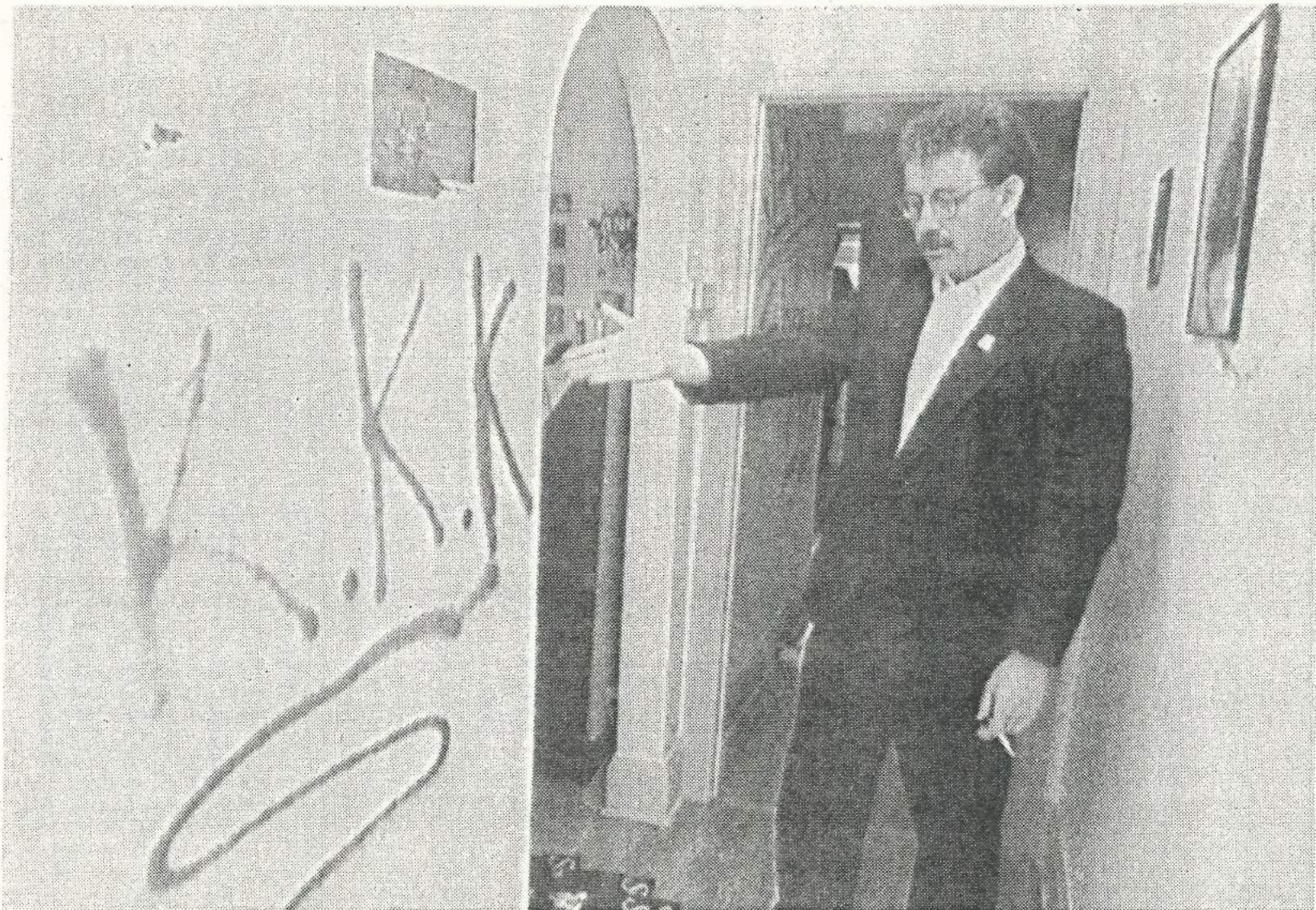
WINNIPEG (CP) — City police say they've smashed a burgeoning Ku Klux Klan chapter in Manitoba after charging two alleged members of the white-supremacy group with advocating and promoting genocide.

The charges follow a year-long investigation that involved undercover detectives infiltrating three alleged Klan cells.

"We have nipped this in the bud," Inspector Conrad Gislason said yesterday.

The Manitoba government also announced it has shut down a KKK hotline in Winnipeg that played a variety of recorded messages attacking ethnic groups and gays.

William James Harcus, 21, and Theron Maurice Skryba, 25, were arrested Wednesday night and charged with unlawfully and repeatedly advocating and promoting genocide.



RACIAL OVERTONES — For the second time in two days, slogans were painted on office walls of the Manitoba Coalition Against Racism and Apartheid. The group believes the vandalism was a reprisal for a police crackdown on the Winnipeg chapter of the Ku Klux Klan. Burglars first broke into the office late Christmas Eve or early Christmas Day and removed a file the coalition was keeping on the white supremacist group.

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REFORMERS WARN THE RACISTS IN THEIR RANKS: 'We'll squash 'em'

Founding members of the racist Heritage Front have infiltrated Reform Party riding associations in Metro, the Sun has learned following a months-long investigation.

Two members of the Heritage Front have been appointed to the board of the Reform Party's Beaches-Woodbine riding association. At least two others — including Heritage Front leader Wolfgang Droege — have taken out memberships in other ridings.

Attracts 'bugs'

Reform Party chairman Cliff Fryers said the party's "bright light attracts a lot of bugs. I assure you we will squash them."

Reform Party Leader Preston Manning yesterday promised to "knock this thing on the head," saying it looked "like a fairly deliberate attempt to infiltrate" the party.

Droege, 41, yesterday denied there was any organized plan to infiltrate the fast-growing Reform Party.

'Similarities'

"But obviously there are a lot of similarities between the Heritage Front and the Reform Party ... but we take some things a few steps farther."

Droege, past Imperial Dragon of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan flew in from the U.S. last Saturday to speak at a Heritage Front gathering.

He admitted his Reform membership could be embarrassing to the party.

"But what can I say? We shouldn't stifle opinion. I think they should allow anyone in the party as long as they agree with the basic tenants of the party."

Alan Overfield, who has a 20-year association with neo-Nazi and white power activists, yesterday confirmed he is responsible for Reform Party security in Metro.

Overfield, a bailiff who employs Droege, is not a member of the Heritage Front. He serves on the executive of the Beaches-Woodbine Reform association.

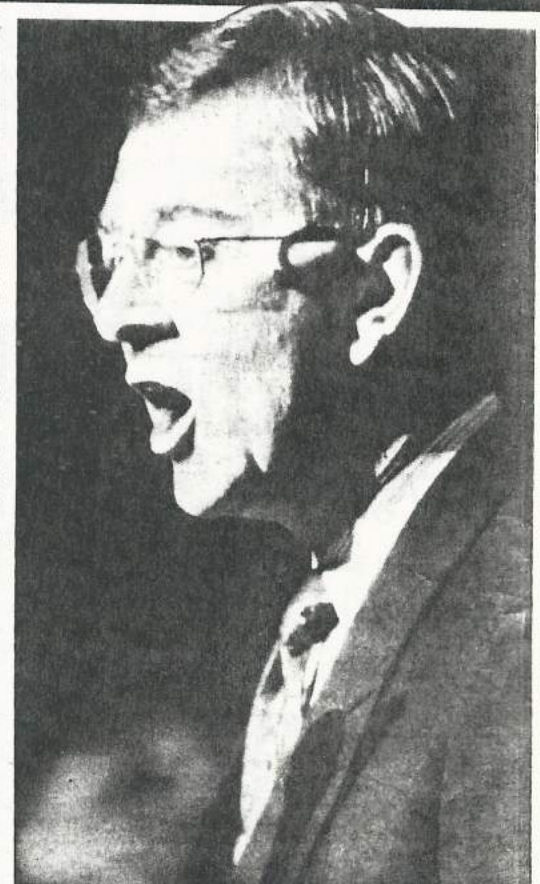
In 1971 Overfield was involved with Paul Fromm and Don Andrews — founders of the neo-Nazi Western Guard — in a short-lived takeover of the Ontario wing of the Social Credit Party.

Overfield has twice used Droege as security help at Preston Manning appearances in the Metro area.

Droege is a former Ku Klux Klan recruiter and was con-



WOLFGANG DROEGE ... Heritage Front boss also Reform member.



FURIOUS REFORMER ... Preston Manning denounces the racists.

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victed in the U.S. 1981 for his role in a white-power plot to seize the predominantly black island of Dominica.

The other Heritage Front members on the riding's board are Nicola Polinuk and James Dawson.

Polinuk ran for a 1990 school trustee byelection in Toronto on the openly racist Nationalist Party ticket.

Polinuk — then the common-law wife of Nationalist Party leader Don Andrews — was one of 17 Canadian white racists who flew to Libya as guests of the Libyan government for a 1989 20th anniversary celebration of Moammar Khadafy's revolution.



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In party too

The idea for the Heritage Front came about during that Libyan trip, insiders say. Droege, Dawson and another racist skinhead who now holds Reform Party membership, Peter Mitrevski, were also on that trip.

Polinuk and Dawson were voted district directors last fall and were to become formal board members April 2.

Riding association president Hugh Prendergast, 35, yesterday said he doubted that would happen.

Riding president objects

"Personally I don't agree with them and the party doesn't agree with them."

"If they actively support the Heritage Front, they will have to resign," a dismayed Prendergast vowed.

Prendergast's promise was reiterated by Manning, who promised "if these allegations are confirmed we will be pulling the memberships and any appointments they may have."

"There is no room in the Reform Party for people who hold racist positions."

Manning fears plot behind racist infiltration of Reform Party

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BY HUGH WINSOR
Parliamentary Bureau

OTTAWA — Reform Party officials are concerned that some individuals or groups may be trying to tarnish the party's image by purchasing memberships for people from racist groups.

The concern arises after the disclosure that Heritage Front leader Wolfgang Droege had obtained a party membership.

Reform leader Preston Manning told reporters yesterday the party has begun an investigation of reports that members of the Heritage Front, a group of white-power advocates, had become members of the Beaches-Woodbine Reform Association in Toronto.

Mr. Manning also said the Reform Party will review its membership procedures to see whether they can be modified to prevent infiltration by single-issue groups or racists.

"There is no room for racists in the Reform Party of Canada," he said. "There is no way that anyone who supports a racist position could at the same time support our position on the Constitution, immigration or culture, because the whole heart of our position is to strip racial criteria out of those policy areas."

Mr. Manning acknowledged that he is more concerned about the possibility of internal subversion than about criticism directed at him from outside the party.

Mr. Droege, past Imperial Dragon of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, was convicted in the United States a decade ago for his role in an abortive plot to seize control of Dominica, a Caribbean island with a predominantly black population.

The investigation into how Mr. Droege got a Reform membership has turned up other irregularities,

said Ron Wood, the party's director of communication.

When party officials began contacting people associated with undesirable groups on whose behalf the party had received membership applications, they found at least five of these people were not aware of the applications and claimed to have no interest in joining the party, Mr. Wood said.

Mr. Wood said the phony applications could indicate someone is making a deliberate attempt to embarrass the party.

Part of the problem, Mr. Manning said, is that the Reform Party is growing so fast that its data-processing department cannot keep up with new applications. As a result, he said, it is very hard to screen all applicants.

The party should be able to undertake closer scrutiny of anyone who

seeks or wins an executive position in a riding or provincial organization, Mr. Manning added. The good news, he said, is that other party members have been quick to inform party headquarters about potentially unsuitable members.

Reform's national executive has the power to cancel the membership of anyone who does not support party policies, Mr. Manning said. The party recently used that power to expel a man in Brockville, Ont., who had participated in a highly publicized antibilingualism demonstration during which he and others trampled a Quebec flag.

Recent news reports have also identified several people in the Metro Toronto area who have been associated with the neo-Nazi Western Guard or the racist Nationalist Party in the past as being new members of the Reform Party.

Reformers boot out 'infiltrators'

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92.03.11 By BILL DUNPHY
Toronto Sun

The Reform Party has "terminated" the memberships of five people linked with a racist group's attempts to infiltrate it.

But Wolfgang Droege, leader of the neo-Nazi Heritage Front, yesterday said he has more members in the party and vowed his group will step up efforts to infiltrate it.

In an exclusive story 10 days ago, the Sun revealed Droege and four other Heritage Front members or associates had taken out Reform Party memberships as part of a loose plan to infiltrate it.

Nicola Polinuk, Jim Dawson and Alan Overfield had been elected to the interim executive of the party's Beaches-Woodbine riding association.

Reform Party Chairman Cliff Fryers announced in Calgary yesterday the party's executive council voted to immediately terminate the memberships of Droege, Polinuk, Dawson and Peter Mitrevski because of their membership in the Heritage Front.

The fifth, Alan Overfield, is not a card-carrying member of the Heritage Front, but was given the boot "because he sold the other four their memberships," Fryers said.

Fryers said a special committee, struck to investigate racist groups' involvement in the party, would continue its work, but cautioned "we're not going on a witch hunt."

Droege, a former Ku Klux Klan recruiter, yesterday admitted the Heritage Front had been advising members to infiltrate mainstream political parties for some time.

"And the Reform Party is perfect for us," he said. "We stand for the same things."

Droege said he would advise Heritage Front members to hide their allegiance and continue to work within the party.



WOLFGANG DROEGE
Party "perfect for us"

U.K. editor says neo-Nazis on the rise

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Global racial battles gain converts among middle-class whites

By SUN-KYUNG YI

Neo-Nazism will become the most significant political movement of the next century as fascist organizations spread their message from Europe to North America, a British anti-fascist activist says.

Gerry Gable, publisher of Searchlight magazine, says neo-Nazis are rapidly establishing international networks — infiltrating governments and established political parties — to promote racial hatred and the notion of white genetic superiority.

"Fascism is far better organized than we (other political parties) are," said Gable at a meeting at U of T on Saturday (May 2). "We are looking at the politics of the next century here."

Searchlight, the international anti-fascist monthly, is a British publication founded in 1974 by a group of the same name that has been speaking out against anti-semitism and racism since the early 60s.

Klan company

Gable, a former trade union organizer, told about 100 people that fascist skinheads operate under the assumption that the world is in the middle of a racial war, which they are determined to win.

In less than a decade, Gable says, neo-Nazis will easily become worldwide leaders in politics — including in Canada, with the help of people like Wolfgang Droege, former leader of the Canadian Ku Klux Klan; Don Andrews, an outspoken white supremacist; David Irving, the British Holocaust-denier; and Ernst Zundel and James Keegstra, two of the most fanatical anti-semites in Canada.

Their views are represented by such organizations as the Aryan Nation, C-FAR (Citizens for Foreign Aid Reform), the Heritage Front and the Ku Klux Klan.



U of T meeting told that neo-Nazi movement will become international political force in 10 years.

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"People, particularly in the left, think fascism is of the past," Gable says. "In Canada, people are denying the existence of skinheads, and politicians are not taking them seriously."

Neo-Nazis work on three levels of infiltration, he says. They may become involved with established political parties, and run for office by playing to the bigotry of discontented whites. Gable gave white su-

premacist David Duke as an example. Neo-Nazis have also been attempting to establish an international network, migrating from Britain to major cities in the U.S. to recruit new members.

"The skinhead movement is led by middle-class, university-educated people. They are coldly calculating — they are not stupid," says Gable, who's on a North American tour lecturing about the issue.

The new fascists also come in the guise of historical revisionists, people who propagate Holocaust deni-

al theories and the idea that whites are genetically superior to other racial groups.

Right fringe

According to Martin Theriault, president of Canadian Centre on Racism and Prejudice in Montreal, there are about 44 "very far right organizations" in Canada, including the Church of the Creator (which has a chapter in Toronto), the Iron Guard, the Nationalist Party of Canada, Skinheads for National Socialism and White Aryan Youth. The centre does not have statistics on how many members these groups have.

The National Citizens Coalition and the Reform Party are listed as groups targeted by neo-Nazis for recruitment, according to the centre.

"We do have in our midst organizations very similar to those of Europe," Theriault said. "They are trying to provide the white working class with an alternative."

Gable pointed out that the membership of the Nazi movement in Germany increased from 28,000 to 70,000 in the last two years. In France, the government and much of the public oppose immigration altogether, and "yuppie fascists" are on the rise in Austria.

In Canada, skinheads are most active in Montreal, where young members are recruited and trained through violent street activities, Theriault said. He also warned that neo-Nazis are against abortion, women's rights, gays and lesbians, bilingualism and multiculturalism, as well as immigrants and visible minorities.

Board reprimands teacher who spoke at neo-Nazi rally

A Mississauga high school teacher who spoke at a neo-Nazi rally in 1990 has been reprimanded by the Peel Board of Education, sources say.

Paul Fromm, a teacher at Applewood Heights Secondary School, has been warned to refrain from activities that could cast the teaching profession in a bad light, the sources said.

Details were to be released at a news conference today.

The Canadian Jewish Congress recently provided board officials with a video tape that showed Fromm spoke at a Heritage Front rally on Dec. 8, 1990. The front is considered a neo-Nazi organization advocating white supremacy.

Fromm came under fire last fall for blurting out "scalp them" while Rodney Bobiwash, a member of the Native Canadian Centre of Toronto, was speaking at a race relations hearing in Toronto.

He received a reprimand at the time but was not removed from his classroom because he has an excellent teaching record.

Trustees met behind closed doors Tuesday night to decide what action, if any, should be taken against the 43-year-old English teacher in light of the video tape.

The sources said the trustees again had no reason to fire or suspend Fromm because of his "clean record" as a teacher.



PAUL FROMM: "On the side" of Heritage Front audience, video shows.

During a previous in-camera meeting, school trustees and some administrators watched segments of a videotape obtained by the Jewish Congress, showing Fromm speaking at a Heritage Front rally two years ago.

On the videotape — a copy of which was left with the trustees and administrators — Fromm is quoted as telling the neo-Nazi group, "We're all on the same side."

Fromm, who denies he is a racist, has admitted speaking at the rally in Toronto, but says he was unaware of the Heritage Front's views.

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DANGER TO PUBLIC: JUDGE

Racists get the boot

By **BILL DUNPHY**
Toronto Sun

Two American racists were booted out of Canada yesterday after spending five days in the Don Jail.

Tom and John Metzger, father-son leaders of California's White Aryan Resistance, were deported after an adjudicator found they had lied to enter the country, and had entered intending to break Canada's hate laws.

When they crossed the border at Fort Erie a week ago, the Metzgers said they were entering Canada to do some shopping. In reality they were here to address last Saturday's racist rally

sponsored by Toronto's Heritage Front.

They were arrested on an immigration warrant by a combined forces operation shortly after the meeting.

Yesterday the Metzgers showed little emotion as immigration adjudicator Oxana Kowalyk delivered her decision.

Kowalyk said the pair had "wilfully promoted hatred" against minority groups.

Terming them "a danger to the public" Kowalyk denied them bail while awaiting deportation, but in the end it didn't matter — they were in an unmarked car and heading for the border within 90 minutes of her decision.



TOM METZGER
Deported

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Dancing to the tribal rhythms of Racial Holy War

T.O. skins dodge prying eyes to celebrate whites-only music fest

By ENZO DI MATTEO

The rush-hour crowds have thinned at Lansdowne subway station. It's early Friday evening (August 28) as the girl leaning on the telephone booth in burgundy tights, Chelsea haircut and Doc Marten boots expertly swirls a piece of pink gum in her mouth. She flicks the ashes from a cigarette between breaks in a conversation with someone on the other end of the phone.

"I don't know where it is, but we're supposed to meet here at 7:30," she says. "Hurry up, dude. We'll be waiting."

A longhair in green military pants and chain dangling from a front to rear pocket waits, smoking a cigarette. The two make their way up the escalator to the street above.

There's a whites-only party tonight featuring the Toronto band Rahowa (short for Racial Holy War), and Lansdowne has been made the secret meeting place. From here, an assortment of mostly young toughs with white-power T-shirts and German-inspired neo-Nazi fashions are to be told by look-outs of the party's secret location.

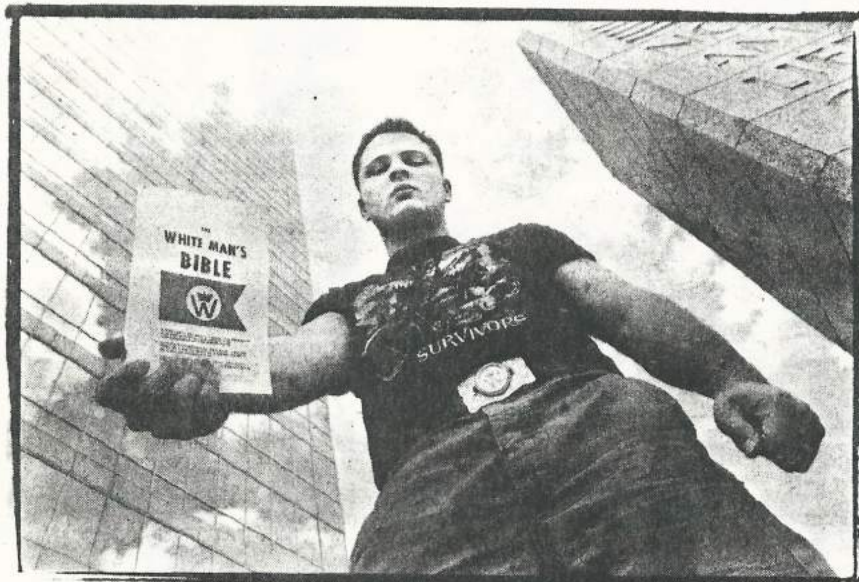
No alibi

About 20 show up at the station over the next hour. No Alibi, a band from Buffalo, is supposed to perform a few songs as special guests. But they are later arrested at the border when a small quantity of marijuana and white supremacist literature is found in their vehicle.

Because of their racially inspired white-is-right musical message, bands like Rahowa and their followers are not welcome in most Toronto clubs. Last week, a similar party scheduled at the Marquee on Coxwell was cancelled after the Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) caught wind of the event and persuaded the owner not to have the band.

Tonight, the party at a down-at-the-heel watering hole called Branko's on Bloor, will go ahead as scheduled. The band will dedicate a song to the CJC called Burn My Ass.

The stream of people making their way in the door are charged \$5. A number of girls obviously under



Rahowa singer Eric Hawthorn says deporting coloured people would end racism.

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legal drinking age are asked for ID. They're let in without a hassle but told not to drink. Once in, however, several of the girls are spotted sipping on their beer of choice. Even the one who proudly exclaimed at the door, "I'm gonna do what's white and pay my way in," is cradling an Ex between experienced fingers.

Charged night

The atmosphere in the club becomes more charged as the night progresses. Increasing numbers fill the dimly lit space and the beer flows with more regularity. Shortly after 9, the doorman huddles with the Heritage Front's Wolfgang Droege and Eric, the leader of the band. They decide that the doors will be closed at 9:30.

At this point, Branko's could be any one of dozens of nondescript clubs that street kids, fashionable suburban whites and skins flock to be among their own. But once the doors are closed and the band takes the stage in front of Confederate and white-power flags, the club takes on the television-made air of a roadhouse somewhere in North Carolina.

Several skins salute Eric's silhouetted figure on stage with Sieg Heil and shouts of "white power" as the group tears into a punk-inspired, This Time The World.

The band, which has recently signed a recording contract with the French label Rebel European, plays mostly originals. But it also per-

Several skins salute Eric's silhouetted figure on stage with Sieg Heil and shouts of "white power," as the group tears into a punk-inspired This Time The World.

formed covers, including Lynyrd Skynyrd's Alabama, only with the lyrical twist, "I hope Neil Young will remember/The KKK don't need him around anyhow."

One of the most vocal in the

crowd is still basking in his 15 minutes of fame. A day earlier, Mike was one of two photographed in the Toronto Star standing cross-armed in fascist brown shirt and cool aviator sunglasses behind Holocaust denier Ernst Zundel. The Supreme Court had overturned a lower court decision against Zundel for spreading false news about the Holocaust.

Throughout the night, Mike's friends and acquaintances are anxious to offer handshakes, a pat on the back and double Sieg Heil salutes. He walks around the club with the swagger of a rooster in a chicken coop when he isn't slamming his pumped up body against those in the dance pit. He says his mother was especially proud of the photograph, which now hangs by a magnet on her refrigerator.

"Now she knows what I've been doing with my time," Mike says sarcastically, while chatting up a young woman at the bar. "The media just loves it. Free advertising."

Later, in the middle of a group conversation, he offers, "I tell people I'm Aryan, not white. You can be a Jew, or a fag, and be white."

Many at Branko's this night are with the Church of the Creator, a group with a paramilitary parent of

the same name south of the border. But Richard, a graduate of the University of Toronto, says the media has got it wrong when it comes to its portrayal of groups like the Church. To him, this gathering is not a hate rally but a show of solidarity. Richard prefers to disassociate himself from the Hitlerian aspects of "the movement."

Race solutions

"There's this gross misconception that we go out and pound on some niggers for fun," says Richard. "But that's not a solution. I'm personally into things like changing immigration laws. I mean, this free trade agreement with Mexico. It's not going to help me. All it's going to do is bring more cheap labour into the country."

Eric, who has sat down between sets to talk to a reporter, says the problems of racism are created because, in his mind, different races were not meant to co-habitate. His hope is for an Aryan homeland in Europe. Too often, he says, those of his ilk are wrongly identified as coming from a beer-swilling underclass whose beliefs stem from a general dissatisfaction with the society they live in.

He condemns, too, what he characterizes as a decadent and corrupt white upper class "who have turned their backs on their people" because of their sole desire for instant gratification.

"Why do I feel a need to point it out in a radical way? Every great social change came about because the people that were leading that social change were radical," Eric says, adding, "If I was such a hater, I would want them to be around so I can enjoy attacking them. That's not my objective. I want an all-white land. Why not rid this country of what liberals would call this terrible cancer of racism?"

Next door at the Sunset, a dozen blacks milling about on the sidewalk warily eye a patron of Branko's out for a breath of air and a cigarette. One in purple sweats, untied Nikes and cap propped sideways on his head offers some crack for sale. It's declined. "Peace," he says, as he makes his way back down the street.



HOUSE GUTTED: Kitchener human rights activist Monna Zentner stands yesterday outside her house, which was

gutted by fire Saturday night. Zentner did not live in the building. Fire officials are treating the blaze as suspicious.

GORDON STEPHEN FOR THE TORONTO STAR

Fire guts rights activist's house

By Gail Swainson
TORONTO STAR

Kitchener fire officials are investigating a "suspicious" blaze that gutted a house belonging to a local human rights activist.

The fire, which was discovered about 10:30 p.m. Saturday, caused \$100,000 damage to a vacant house owned by Kitchener psychotherapist Monna Zentner, who lives next door.

Zentner, 55, earlier attended a noisy demonstration outside a Kitchener business where controversial British author David Irving addressed about 25 people.

Hours after the rally, the house next to Zentner's residence went up in flames. She owns the house and was in the process of turning it into office space for her psychotherapy practice.

"If it had burned another 10 minutes, I have no doubt it would have spread to my primary residence and my cars would have blown up," she said yesterday.

No one was in the house, but Zentner said it is occupied on week-nights.

Irving, who claims the Holocaust has been greatly exaggerated, was released on bail last week after he was detained by immigration officials who say he is in Canada illegally.

His hearing before an immigration adjudicator is to resume Thursday.

Meanwhile, Irving and 23-year-old American revisionist David Cole — who claims he is a Jew — addressed a crowd of about 100 at the Latvian Hall on College St. yesterday as skinhead security guards watched.

Irving, who asked if there were any immigration officials or police officers in the crowd before he spoke, told the appreciative audience that the Canadian government has "ambushed" him.

"The entire machinery of government — such as it is here in Canada — is being used to frame me," he said.

Irving, who has written books about Adolf Hitler and Hermann Goering, has said the Holocaust, in which 6 million Jews died at the hands of the Nazis, is "a legend based on baloney."

Manuel Prutschi, executive director of the Canadian Jewish Congress, demanded that Irving's activities be curtailed.

"It is imperative that Irving be detained pending the resumption of his

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deportation hearing because his speaking could well be provoking activities which are a threat to the public peace," Prutschi said last night.

He said that allowing the Latvian Hall for "racist" speeches gives a black eye "to the entire Latvian community, even the ones who would see this as outrageous."

Irving is expected to speak in Kitchener on Wednesday.

Zentner said she will be there.

"I'm going to continue to picket. If he has the right to be a Nazi, we have the right to disapprove," she said. "But they don't frighten me. It's really hard to be afraid of bullies."

Zentner said she was punched by a skinhead at a demonstration several weeks ago.

□ With files from Canadian Press

IRVING FOE'S HOME

Kitchener blaze still a mystery

Toronto Sun
92.11.10

By BILL DUNPHY
Toronto Sun

Investigators spent yesterday sifting through the ruins of a Kitchener home burned in a mysterious fire, but have yet to determine its cause.

The house, owned by Kitchener psychotherapist Monna Zentner, caught fire Saturday night, a few hours after Zentner had participated in a demonstration protesting the appearance of controversial British author David Irving.

Irving is battling deportation from Canada after he failed to comply with a departure notice issued 10 days ago. He had admitted to lying to sneak into the country for a speaking tour.



DAVID IRVING
Nazi apologist

Irving said he had no knowledge of the fire, that he only learned about it the following day.

He said he planned no public talks before his deportation hearing on Thursday, but "we'll have a victory party in Toronto on Friday."

Irving, much admired in international neo-Nazi circles for his revisionist views of history, said public response to Immigration attempts to deport him has been positive.

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Racist band held at border

By BILL DUNPHY
Toronto Sun
92.09.29

Trouble dogged the Toronto concert debut of a racist rock band last night when immigration officials arrested the American opening act at the border.

Four members of a Buffalo, N.Y., white power band, No Alibi, and six others were arrested at the Peace Bridge on their way to Toronto for the Rahowa concert.

Rahowa, a band fronted by the Canadian leader of the racist Church of the Creator movement, was forced to take to the stage of a west-end bar without the opening band.

'Some fun'

About 80, mainly young, supporters were on hand for what band leader Erik Hawthorn called "an evening of white people getting together for some fun."

The band was greeted by Nazi-style salutes and shouts of "White Power" and "Sieg Heil" from the crowd, who had turned up amid the usual security precautions that mark white power gatherings.

Fans were not told where the concert would be held. They met at rendezvous points where they were directed to the small Bloor St. bar that was Rahowa's second choice for its public debut.

Cancelled

The band had originally planned to hold its debut in an east-end club. But it was cancelled a week ago after the club owner was contacted by the Canadian Jewish Congress and provided with information about the band's ideology and neo-Nazi links.

The 10 detained Americans are being held on immigration charges at the Niagara and Hamilton detention centres and are expected to appear before an adjudicator Monday.

U.S. repels author rejected by Canada

By Peter Krivel
and Dale Brazao
TORONTO STAR

British author David Irving, who maintains the Holocaust never happened, was in custody early today after he was refused entry into the United States.

Irving said he expects to be taken before a Canadian immigration board adjudicator and then put on a plane to Great Britain.

"The (U.S.) official looked at my visa and refused me entry because I have a multiple (visitor's) visa," he said early today. "The official said I needed an immigrant visa, which is harder to get."

"It was an arbitrary act."

Ordered by the immigration department to leave Canada by midnight last night, Irving said he crossed into the United States at Niagara Falls at 11 p.m.

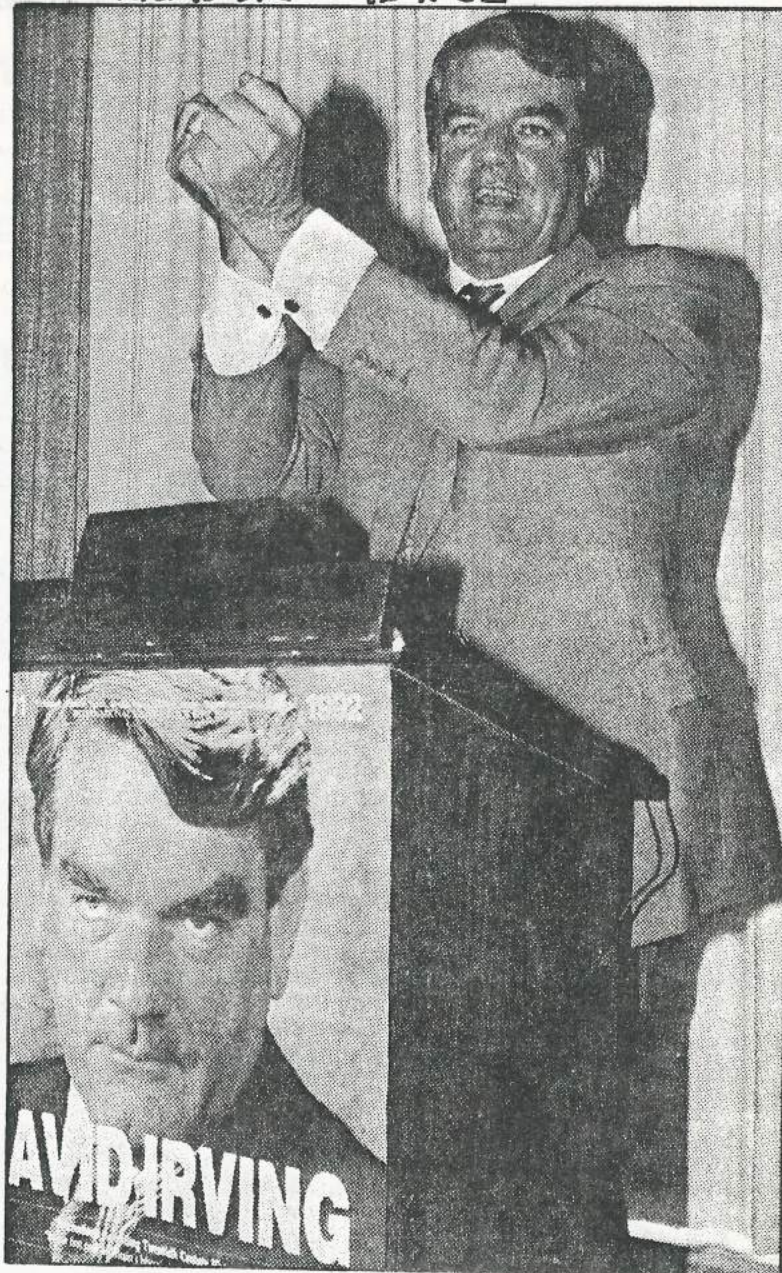
But he then told an American border guard he had to return to Canada to get his departure notice stamped, he said.

Immigration spokesperson Milt Best confirmed early today that the controversial author was in custody. "Technically, he is in violation of an order to leave and he was charged with failing to leave the country," Best said.

Irving said he was being detained for the sixth time in three days. He had been kept at five holding centres in Victoria and Vancouver, he said, before flying to Toronto for a speaking engagement yesterday.

He said he suspects he was refused entry because American officials thought he intended to get a job in the United States.

"I was going to drive down to New York to see my publishers and then drive to Washington to go to the National Archives," he said. "Then I was going to go to Florida to work on a manuscript for the next 2½ months."



DALE BRAZAO/TORONTO STAR

DEFIANT STANCE: David Irving speaks to an audience at a Toronto hotel yesterday. Later the banned British author vowed to return to Canada.

Irving, who writes "history" books, has maintained the Holocaust — in which 6 million Jews died — is an exaggeration. He also says the Auschwitz gas chambers were nothing more than a tourist attraction built after the war.

He's banned from entering Canada because of his recent conviction in Germany of making statements "insulting to the memory of the dead." He was ordered out by an immigration adjudicator in Vancouver after slipping into the country for a speaking tour.

Before leaving Toronto last

night, Irving spoke to 100 people at a meeting room on the 23rd floor of the Primrose Hotel at Carleton and Jarvis Sts.

His audience consisted mainly of a white older crowd. Many, who paid \$10 to attend, spoke with heavy Eastern European accents and bought his books and tapes.

Irving appeared nervous and kept looking at the door, telling his audience he expected the Mounties to come in at any time and take him away. Two young men, both with skin-head-type haircuts, kept watch on the doors.

EGGS, CURSES FLY IN BLOOR ST. MAYHEM

Racists ripped

By SCOTT BURNSIDE
Toronto Sun

White supremacists were pelted with eggs, spat on and chased by anti-racists after a rally last night.

More than three dozen Metro Police officers, including seven on horseback, escorted about

125 members of the Heritage Front through a crowd of Anti-Racist Action demonstrators who had surrounded the Roma Banquet Room at Bloor St. W. and Gladstone Ave. last night.

Front members had gathered at the Roma to hear Nazi-revisionist author David Irving

speak. But Irving was deported back to Britain last night.

ARA members chanted "run Nazi scum" and "garbage" at Front members. Some swung picket signs and others chased rally goers down the street, hurling obscenities.

"I'm elated. It's a great victory for anti-racism in Toronto," said anti-Ku Klux Klan organizer Rodney Bovbiwash. Sun photographer Mark O'Neill was attacked by a white supremacist with tattoos on his bald head after snapping a shot of him giving the Nazi salute.

Some leaving the hall covered their faces from the media while others screamed "white power" and hurled insults at demonstrators.

No charges were laid and no serious injuries were reported.

When two angry groups like this meet, "there's always the potential for violence and injury," said a relieved Insp. Roy Teeft after the crowd dispersed.

Earlier, the ARA group circled the building, pelting windows with eggs.

"Tonight we're here to say no to Nazis, no to fascism and never again," Bovbiwash told the crowd.

ARA spokesman Kevin Thomas said they were worried they'd be attacked by the Heritage Front group but felt it important to have a visible presence.

Wolfgang Droege of the Heritage Front said: "I think we have a right to meet any way we want to."

Other white supremacists said they weren't intimidated.

"I am a racist and I'm not ashamed of it," said Jimbob Jones, 22, of Newmarket.

"They're all race traitors."

Restaurant and hall owner Biagio Violo said he didn't know who he'd rented the hall to and estimated the ruckus cost him \$5,000.



Mark O'Neill, Sun

TUG OF WAR ... Two demonstrators scuffle with a white supremacist following a Heritage Front meeting last night.



Warren Tode, Sun

"SEE?" ... David Irving 'cuffed, deported.

Irving kicked out

By BILL DUNPHY
Toronto Sun

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont. — A furious David Irving claims he was "railroaded" out of Canada.

The Nazi sympathizer was ordered deported yesterday.

"See? Canada handcuffs writers," Irving shouted, his hands raised as he was led to a van to take him to Pearson airport. "This is a disgrace for Canada."

Irving had lied about sneaking into Canada for a speaking tour Oct. 26, was arrested in Victoria two days later and ordered to leave the country in 48 hours.

He waited until the last moment to leave,

but U.S. immigration officials twice denied him entry. He was re-arrested by Canadian border police, touching off a five-day deportation hearing.

Irving's defence rested on an assertion he had complied with the departure notice by taking a one-hour hop across the B.C. border to Washington state.

Adjudicator Ken Thomson dismissed Irving's story as "a total fabrication, concocted to garner further publicity and prolong your stay in Canada."

Irving repeatedly interrupted Thomson's decision, ignoring warnings to keep quiet.

Spokesmen for the Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai B'rith lauded the decision.

50-weapon arsenal likely to be returned

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By Jack Lakey
TORONTO STAR

A man arrested after police found enough military weapons in his east-end home "to start your own war" will likely get all the armaments back, police say.

A bazooka-style anti-tank rocket launcher, machineguns, assault rifles, semi-automatic handguns, bayonets, ammunition and grenades found yesterday were all legally registered, Metro police Detective Wes Bolton said.

"If he takes all the steps to store them properly ... chances are he'll get them back," Bolton said. "He has permits for everything he owns."

Police refused to name the man or release his address, fearing his arsenal of more than 50 weapons will become a target for theft if their location were made public.

The weapons, which were re-registered with the police firearms unit last summer, will remain at 55 Division until the owner goes to court on charges of unsafe storage of firearms and ammunition, Bolton said.

But unless a judge issues an order permanently seizing the arsenal, he said, all the weapons will be returned.

The owner "considers himself a bona fide gun collector and hobbyist who has bought and sold several gun collections during the past 20 years," Bolton said, adding that the man "was a real gentleman about the whole thing."

Bolton said he has seen a lot as a police officer, but even he never imagined that a private citizen could legally possess such a large cache of high-powered military weaponry.

"It was totally unnerving," he said. "It's very frightening that just about anybody can have weapons like that, if you get the permits."

"You wouldn't stand much of a chance against this stuff."

Heavily armed members of the emergency task force surrounded a house in the Eastwood Rd.-Woodbine Ave. area about 6 a.m. yesterday after police were called by a woman saying she feared her husband was going to kill himself.

Police later determined the call was a hoax that stemmed from a domestic dispute, Bolton said.

Officers were at first reluctant to enter the home because the door was guarded by two Doberman pinschers.

After police had surrounded the house for about two hours, a woman emerged but appeared unco-operative when told to lie down on the grass so she could be handcuffed.

A few minutes later a man came out with his hands up and surrendered.

Officers who entered the house were amazed at the amount of weaponry they found in the tiny, semi-detached home, police said.

□ With files from Dale Brazao



DALE BRAZAO/TORONTO STAR

DELICATE TOUCH: A Metro police officer carries one of more than 50 military arms seized yesterday at an east-end home. The man, however, had permits for all the weapons and will likely get them back, officers say.

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JEFF GOODE AND DALE BRAZAO/TORONTO STAR

Police uncover arsenal

A police officer, right, trains his rifle on a Toronto man during a raid yesterday on an east-end home in which police encountered two guard dogs and steel-barred windows. More than 50 weapons, above, were seized, including an anti-tank rocket launcher, bayonets and grenades. Charges of unsafe storage of firearms and ammunition were laid.

□ Story, photo/A6

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Weapons and paraphernalia seized from Klansmen and neo-Nazis in aborted Dominica invasion, for which Wolfgang Droege did 8 years in jail.



A rocket launcher found at the home of Alan Overfield.

"Gun Collector?"

On November 16, police investigated a domestic dispute at the home of Alan Overfield. They found crates of ammunition and hand grenades, Uzi sub machine guns, semi-automatic hand guns, rifles, an armour-piercing anti-tank projectile launcher and an NPV-6 rocket launcher. The police confiscated Overfield's "collection" because of unsafe storage. Today, the court will decide whether or not to return his weapons.

Or Armed Neo-Nazi?

Over the past 25 years, Alan Overfield has been connected to a wide array of white supremacist organisations and individuals.

- 1965: He belonged to the Edmund Burke Society, along with Paul Fromm, a neo-Nazi school teacher a recent speaker at a Heritage Front rally, and Don Andrews, who later formed the Western Guard and the Nationalist Party.
- 1967-72: Edmund Burke Society attacked anti-war demonstrations with sticks, stones, clubs, stinkbombs, and mace. Violence resulted in arrests and injuries on both sides. Members of EBS were also infiltrators and provocateurs in anti-war groups.
- 1970-71: Overfield ran as a candidate for the Toronto Socreds at a time when white supremacists controlled the party.
- 1971: Edmund Burke Society attacked a Quebec liberal party meeting at U of T with clubs, resulting in 2 arrests.
- 1976: Don Andrews, now leader of the Western Guard, was arrested and charged with an arson plot against the Israeli soccer team playing at Varsity Arena. Police found illegal weapons and a book on how to make bombs. He was found innocent except for weapons charges. In a separate incident, Andrews was convicted of window smashing, painting swastikas on synagogues, assault, possession of hate literature, and illegal possession of explosives. He spent 3 years and 6 months in jail.

- 1977: Western Guard fell apart. Later that same year Andrews formed the Nationalist Party. By 1979, members include Overfield, Droege, and skinhead recruits.
- 1979: Wolfgang Droege, former Grand Dragon of the Canadian KKK, planned to install a white supremacist government in the Dominica. Weapons in the photo were captured during his arrest in New Orleans. He spent 8 years in jail for the attempted coup d'état.
- 1991: Overfield owns a bailiff/security company. Preston Manning, leader of the Reform Party, contracted Overfield to provide security for one of his Toronto speeches. For that event, Overfield employed members of the Heritage Front, a neo-Nazi skinhead group that attacks Jews, people of colour, queers, immigrants, and anti-racist activists.
- 1992: Overfield still employs the leader of the Heritage Front, Wolfgang Droege.

A Threat to Public Safety!

"Gun collectors" with so many connections to Canada's violent neo-Nazi movement pose a danger to public safety. That police and the ARMY gave Overfield permits to own these weapons is outrageous. The state should not re-arm neo-Nazis.

ANTI-RACIST-ACTION (ARA)

We are here to expose and oppose the nazi threat in Toronto. Just 2 weeks ago, ARA shut down a Heritage Front recruitment rally while the band Rahowa (racial holy war) was playing. We will be in their face to shut them down whenever they rear their ugly heads.

EQUAL RIGHTS? (NOT IF YOU'RE WHITE!)

Students at a Pickering Ontario high school recently learned a lesson about "equality" the hard way — by first-hand experience!

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So what are these students to make of the dress code at their school? It definitely does not follow the dictionary definition of **EQUALITY**.

Black students are allowed — indeed, encouraged to take pride in their roots and heritage. No problem there! The school even encouraged students to celebrate Black History Month last February. Again, no problem! Black students are allowed to wear such items of apparel as Malcolm X tee-shirts and baseball caps. Fair enough!

So are White students allowed to be White and Proud? It seems there IS a little problem there.

One student was recently given a three day suspension for suggesting that the school celebrate a *White Pride Week*..

Another student was *expelled* for circulating a petition, advocating a celebration for White students similar to the one Black students are encouraged to enjoy. Other White students were suspended for wearing symbols that "stand for the White race".

Malcolm X was a renowned and avowed racist (see other side), so why are Black students allowed to wear such paraphernalia, while White students are not even allowed to wear *red shoe laces*!

The HERITAGE FRONT believes that in a so-called free and democratic society, all students should enjoy the same rights and privileges. We are extremely concerned about the double standard that allows Black students to wear clothing advocating militancy, yet *persecutes White students* for displaying any symbol of White Pride — even something so inoffensive as red shoe laces!

If YOU are concerned about the double standards and anti-White persecution of students, or the NDP government's insidious equity employment program, which will encourage mediocrity rather than excellence, we urge you to get involved with the fastest growing PRO-WHITE organization in Canada. Contact and support The HERITAGE FRONT today!



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— "You have been cut off by the *devil white man* from all true knowledge of your kind. You have been a victim of the *devil white man* . . ."

— "Original Man was black, in the continent called Africa where the human race had emerged on the planet Earth . . ."

— "The black man, original man, built great empires and civilizations and cultures while the white man was living on all fours in caves . . . *the devil white man* . . ."

— "Our enemy is the white man! Oh yes, that devil is our enemy!"

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MALCOLM X BELIEVES THAT BLACKS ARE A SUPERIOR RACE AND WHITES ARE LOWER THAN BLACKS:

— "The white man was created a devil, to bring chaos upon this earth . . . look, did you ever smell one of *them wet?*"

— "... I wouldn't waste my time to start opening their eyes about the *devil white man* . . . the white man . . . *Oh yes, he's a devil!*"

Throughout his book, *The Autobiography of Malcolm X*, he continually refers to whites in a derogatory, racist and bigoted manner. For example:

— "*the white man is the devil . . . evil white man . . .*"

"Every time you see a white man, think about the devil you're seeing!"

— Malcolm X

WHY ARE BLACK STUDENTS ALLOWED TO WEAR RACIST MALCOLM X PARAPHERNALIA, WHILE WHITE STUDENTS ARE FORBIDDEN TO WEAR A CELTIC CROSS, OR OTHER "WHITE PRIDE" SYMBOLS?



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Don't return arsenal, police urged

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By Dale Brazao
TORONTO STAR

The Canadian Jewish Congress doesn't want a man with "extremist racist links" to get his gun collection back.

The Toronto bailiff was "an official of the white supremacist Nationalist Party of Canada," the group says.

Police raided an east Toronto home on Monday and seized about 78 weapons, including a Thompson sub-machinegun, an Uzi sub-machinegun and an anti-tank rocket launcher, as well as several cases of ammunition.

Alan J. Overfield of Eastwood Rd. is to appear in court Nov. 30 on charges of unsafe storage of weapons and ammunition.

Police have said all the weapons were legally registered and may have to be returned.



CHARGED: Alan Overfield expects guns back.

The Jewish congress has written to police Chief William McCormack urging the weapons not be returned.

"How does a white supremacist get a permit to own these weapons of mass destruction," said congress spokesperson Bernie Farber.

Overfield said yesterday he has not been associated with the Nationalist Party since 1979.

The Canadian Jewish Congress is "entitled to their opinions but they don't make the laws of Canada," he said.

"I'm a gun collector. Some people collect stamps, I collect guns," Overfield said, adding he expects to get his collection back after a judge hears his story.

He said he turned over his entire collection to police in August to ensure the weapons complied with the regulations. The guns were recently returned to him after they were given "a clean bill of health."

He said police were right in confiscating his collection because the gun call at his home in the Coxwell Ave.-Gerrard St. area arose from a domestic situation.

Officers who entered the house were amazed at the amount of weaponry they found inside the tiny, semi-detached home, police said. The guns took up all the space on the walls of a recreation room.

The house had bars on the windows and stickers showing a man pointing a gun above a caption that said: "Go rob someone else's house."

Farber acknowledged that Overfield does not have a criminal record or has ever threatened anybody, but that will not stop the congress from doing everything legally to stop him from getting his guns back.

Police have the power under the Criminal Code to seize and destroy weapons if they have evidence such weapons threaten public safety, Farber said.

He provided reporters with copies of a 1979 document that showed Overfield was the co-ordinator of riding associations for the Nationalist Party.

According to documents, one of the main platforms of the party was a racist immigration policy that would restrict immigration to people from Europe.

Overfield owns Accurate Bailiff Services, which employs Wolfgang Droege, leader of the white supremacist Heritage Front.

Earlier this year, Overfield, Droege and three others were expelled from the Reform Party of Canada because of alleged racist links to the Heritage Front.

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Even sheetless Klan scary

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The Toronto-based National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan have a problem.

They're sheetless.

It's hard to really feel the thrill of a cross-burning, or share in the fearful history of that terrorist group, when you're standing around in T-shirts and bomber jackets with your real face hanging out.

But for Kevin Nealon (an alias used by the "Grand Wizard" of the National Knights KKK) getting the hoods and robes of a real Klan organization is a problem.

In a recent letter Kevin almost begs for help.

"We're having a hard time having our robes made," Kevin explains in a September letter to Ken Peterson, who was then the leader of the U.S. National Knights KKK.

Kevin says he's been having trouble getting them because of "our strict hate laws" and asks if Peterson would be interested in selling him any robes. He provides a phone number and Danforth Rd. mailbox for a reply.

Unfortunately for Kevin, Peterson — a drug informer for police for 20 years — was losing faith in the Klan.

In fact, last month he went public, renouncing his ties with the KKK and going over to the other side.

Through the Montreal-based Canadian Centre on Racism and Prejudice, the *Sun* has gained access to Kevin's letters and rather pitiful membership list.

And in an interview with the *Sun*, Peterson spilled some of the beans on the small "den" in Toronto and their links with larger, more dangerous groups.

Kevin is a tall, much-tattooed 29-year-old with the looks of an aspiring rock star and the tongue of a rock star's agent.

The photo he sent to the States with his membership application shows him drinking beer and wearing a T-shirt with the slogan "Speak English or Die!"

An unemployed "retail manager," Kevin is running his little Klan cell — complete with telephone hotline and a newsletter — from his apartment in a Scarboro public housing project.

During a recent interview in a Scarboro bar, Kevin refused to reveal the size of his Klan cell, but laughed when it was

suggested he had less than 15 members.

Sources in the racist movement peg active membership at under a dozen, most of them teenagers.

But it would be a mistake to simply laugh them off — sheets or no sheets.

Kevin says he's instructed his membership to get firearm acquisition certificates immediately and buy guns when they can afford them.

And in a letter to Peterson he provided a list of enemies and asked Peterson if he could help him find the home address and phone number of a prominent anti-racism activist here in Toronto — Rodney Bobiwash.

The letter is consistent with a message Kevin has run several times on his "National Knights Network" taped telephone line. The message urges all loyal whites to immediately begin drawing up "lists of the enemy" in their neighborhood, complete with address and phone numbers. "Find out where they are, 24 hours a day. You are an intelligence agent," he exhorted callers.

—B.D.

White 'separatist' collects welfare

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White "separatist" and propagandist Gary Schipper is supported by welfare while he writes telephone messages some people consider racist.

"Why not?" Schipper, 40, said in a telephone interview yesterday. "I'm entitled to it. I had to do it. I'm not bilking welfare. There's not many jobs out there. I'm looking for work."

Schipper said he has written and recorded the last 200 automatic phone messages the Heritage Front has produced, but he is not paid by the Toronto-based organization.

Schipper's is the gruff, hyperactive voice that

raves about immigrants and foreigners on automatic tapes that the secretive front is fond of broadcasting.

The Heritage Front has spoken out against immigrants who take advantage of welfare, but Schipper said he feels there's no hypocrisy in his acceptance of welfare cheques. He urges all whites to get on welfare so that the government will be so overloaded it will fall.

Schipper denied that he is a racist: "I'm a realist. I'm for racial separation. The races will never get along."



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STARTING THEM YOUNG ... Klan member and young girl at Quebec rally this summer.

TOP RACIST IN WELFARE SCAM



GARY SCHIPPER
Heritage Front leader

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WELFARE PAYS FOR WHITE-POWER BLITZ

Racist milks us

By **BILL DUNPHY**
Toronto Sun

The man who runs the racist Heritage Front hotline is scamming welfare to fund his white power activities, the *Sunday Sun* has learned.

Gary Schipper, a 40-year-old white racist, admitted he's been receiving regular welfare payments — even though he's a professional telemarketer who's earned as much as \$2,000 a week in the past.

Other sources

"My landlord here set it up where I can get it," Schipper said.

"I'm the superintendent here, right? So he just filled out a thing and I get it — if

you can keep that to yourself.

"Because I do make money otherwise, too. I do this and that, usually get paid cash."

Schipper, who claims to have come by his racist views after being adopted by a Jewish family, says he sees nothing wrong with "milking" the system. "Listen, the liberals and the hippies did in the '60s and used it for revolution. What I spend it on they wouldn't like — I assure you."

Schipper plays a lead role in the racist Heritage Front here in Toronto.

He's written and recorded more than 200 daily messages for their telephone hotline and is also the point man for con-

tact with potential new members.

He says the welfare money helps pay his phone bill.

Speakers at Heritage Front rallies often rant and rave about immigrants and foreigners taking advantage of welfare and public housing. But Schipper sees no contradiction.

In the interview Schipper said he urges all proud whites to do as he did.

"Overload the system! Get the government — they're going to fall anyway so let's speed it up."

Schipper confirmed he's worked in hard-sell telemarketing schemes for years.

He said he designed the pitch for a

scheme called The Police Drug Manual and sold it to a man who was later charged and convicted with fraud in connection with the scheme.

'Word mechanic'

"I'm an idea man, a word mechanic," Schipper boasted, saying he recently turned down a chance to work in a gem sale telemarketing scheme that would have paid him \$5,000 a week.

"I just love this (white racial) work too much."

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Neo-Nazis strike twice

By ERROL NAZARETH
and SCOTT BURNSIDE
Toronto Sun

A native centre and a left-wing bookstore have been defaced by neo-Nazi vandals.

Large, black swastikas were painted on the front walk of the Native Canadian Centre on Spadina Rd. overnight Friday. A few blocks away, a metre-high black

Star of David was painted on the front window of the Pathfinder bookstore at 827 Bloor St. W.

The centre's Rodney Bobiwash, who operates an anti-Ku Klux Klan group, said the incident occurred a day after he con-

fronted a skinhead distributing Heritage Front leaflets in front of the building.

This is the second incident in the past two months at Pathfinder, said manager Robert Simms. "This was a politically motivated attack," he said. The bookstore

has a display with books by Malcolm X, Nelson Mandela and anti-fascist writers.

Simms and Bernie Farber of the Canadian Jewish Congress were angry police didn't investigate beyond taking a report. "It's a statement by the police that they

don't consider it a big deal," Simms said.

"A swastika is still a symbol of terror and hate. It instills both anger and fear in hearts of ordinary citizens," Farber said.

Det. Karl Radix said there is little they can do. If a proposed anti-hate squad becomes reality, this is the type of thing they may be able to solve, Radix said. "Nobody saw anything," he said.

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BOOKSTORE, NATIVE CENTRE DAUBED IN ATTACKS

Schools tackle racist posters

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By ERROL NAZARETH
Toronto Sun

Racist literature which recently flooded several Metro schools will be tackled at a Toronto board of education meeting this week.

At the meeting on Tuesday, Monarch Park Collegiate vice-principal Randy Saylor and student Phil Wong will discuss their school's response to the incident.

Earlier this month, Heritage Front members plastered school doors with posters urging students to "stop apologizing for being white."

The poster also attacked the *Malcolm X* movie as "anti-white racist propaganda."

Responsibility

"We felt a responsibility to do something, so we called the police and the principal made an impassioned statement calling the act totally unacceptable."

Referring to the poster, Saylor said the Heritage Front is quoting *Malcolm X* "out of context to inflame the feelings of alienated white youth."

It's dismissing "the last years of his life and how he developed," he said.

The Front's Gary Schipper doesn't believe that "Malcolm X changed that much."

In the *Autobiography Of Malcolm X*, X repudiates his early racist ideas.

WHITE RIGHTS GROUPS READYING FOR RACIAL WAR

You can thank Libyan strongman Moammar Khadafy for the birth of the Heritage Front here in Toronto.

The Front calls itself a white rights lobby group. But what they are is the most powerful white racist gang to hit Canada since the real Nazis, back in the Dirty Thirties.

They believe we're headed for a racial war — and some of them are getting ready for it by arming themselves and undergoing para-military training.

And like the homegrown Nazis of the '30s, the Front is tightly tied into a network of white racist and neo-Nazi groups in Germany, Scandinavia, England, France, Spain, South Africa, and, of course, the United States.

The Front boasts a contact list of a couple of thousand, but their active core — the people who live and breathe this stuff, who meet or talk with each other on it daily — is probably no more than 45 people.

But those 45 put out a newsletter that reaches hundreds, a telephone hotline that reaches thousands and have been able to get up to 200 people out for their rallies.

No Canadian racist group in recent memory has been able to match those numbers.

Back in the fall of 1989 Khadafy's intelligence branch called on an old friend in the Canadian neo-Nazi movement to round up some goodwill ambassadors to help him celebrate the 20th anniversary of his revolution.

It was the second time Canadian racists had responded to one of Khadafy's offers of an all-expenses paid trip, the first was two years earlier.

In return for their willingness to help him out with his public relations, Khadafy paid for the trips and funnelled a few thousand dollars towards Toronto racist Don Andrews' Nationalist Party.

There was the potential for a lot of money from the Libyans — if they played their cards right. Khadafy's

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government has poured millions of dollars into Libyan, leftist and rightist movements in North America.

"The Nationalist Party could have gotten a considerable amount of money," said one source who made the trip. He mentioned another group he knows received \$85,000. "But they (the Nationalist Party) just couldn't get their act together."

Andrews didn't go on this second trip in '89, although his then common-law wife Nicola Polinuk Andrews did. The other 17 freeloaders were members of the Nationalist Party and some of their families.

Droege went along for the ride

The man who would come to act as the frontman for the Heritage Front — Wolfgang Droege — went along for the ride. So too, were Peter Mitrevski, then a 20-year-old, street-smart, racist skinhead and Max French — 29 at the time, with a decade of service to the white separatist movement and a one-time Scarboro mayoralty candidate.

Also along was a beefy, red-haired, hot-tempered man — James Scott Dawson. Gerry Lincoln, a bespectacled new arrival on the racist scene was there as well.

All would go on to play key roles in the Front.

Andrews — a man who'd earned an enviable criminal record for his activities in the neo-Nazi movement — had led the Nationalist Party with a firm hand, he called it the

Fuehrer Principle. Few doubted who was the fuehrer.

But by the late '80s the bloom had gone off the racist rose that was the Nationalist Party. The group — and its earlier incarnation, the Western Guard — had once made the news instead of just complaining about it.

Andrews seemed content to field candidates in municipal mayoralty races and hold indoctrination sessions with street skins.

That wasn't enough for some of Andrews' followers.

They had bigger dreams and they chafed under his domineering leadership.

According to Andrews, the Libyan tour group hatched the Heritage Front while they were safely half a world away, out of his reach.

The Front's frontman, Droege, confirms the story.

Asked about Libyan money, he admits they considered it — and could have got it through their connections with a key player based in Ottawa — "but we never pursued it. We decided if we can't do it on our own ..."

A German-born, former Ku Klux Klan organizer for David Duke, Droege was a two-time loser who'd done some hard time in U.S. prisons. In 1981 he'd been taken down by the feds in the bust of a bizarre Caribbean island coup plot attempted by Droege and a group of heavily-armed white supremacists. He got three years.

But a scant year and a half after he'd been released the excitable organizer fell into an FBI/Justice department task force operation. 'Clean Sweep' was sweeping up the remnants of The Order — a white racist, terrorist group.

Last time he'd been arrested on a fishing boat. This time they nabbed him getting off a plane in Huntsville, Alabama. Agents found him in possession of a concealed teflon dagger (invisible to most airport security checks) and about 4 oz. of cocaine. It was five years before he was sprung from a southern prison and deported back to his adopted homeland, Canada.

In Toronto in '89, Droege became a focal point for impatient racists, probably because of his age, organizing abilities and his campaign ribbons.

Nobody seemed to realize — or care — that until this point, his career in the racist movement had been one big-time failure after another.

But the Front has changed all that.

He's an affable little man, mixing easily with everyone from tattooed skins to the elders of the Nazi movement in Canada. He's got a kind of little-boy charm and an almost naive sincerity — rare qualities in a racist.

Plus he's got a reputation for intense loyalty to the cause and to his friends — another asset in a movement riddled with informers and empty-headed egos.

And, Droege says, he's learned from his mistakes.

He's desperate to keep the Front on the right side of the law, to avoid the heavy heels of the state crushing them while they're weak.

In the early days they had about a dozen people meeting regularly in Droege's apartment. Dawson registered the name Heritage Front. Gerry Lincoln helped develop a letterhead, cards and fliers.

In November of '89 the Front came out of the closet, showing up at a Northern Foundation meeting in Ottawa to spread the word and make contacts within the "racialist movement."

Spread across Canada, States

The Northern Foundation is run by a Reform Party member, Rita Ann Kelly Hartmann, who'd spent the '70s and '80s on the fringes of Toronto's racist scene.

Over the next year Droege, Mitrevski and others spread out across Canada and the States making nice with other groups in the movement.

The leadership of the Front linked up with — and helped develop — Klan groups in Montreal and Winnipeg. Mitrevski and others travelled to Michigan to sit at the feet of one of the deans of the white power movement, Rev. Bob Miles. Mitrevski also turned up promoting the Front at the annual Gathering of the Klans in Georgia. The Front also forged links of varying strengths with Aryan Nations and the Christian Identity Movement in Alberta and Ontario, and Aryan Resistance Movement stalwarts in British Columbia.

Through Ernst Zundel the Heritage Front is tied into the movement in Germany — several have travelled there and Droege himself plans an extended swing through Germany and eastern Europe next spring.

But it was on Dec. 8, 1990, the Heritage Front held their first real open meeting — a "Martyrs Day Rally" — honoring the memory of Robert Jay Matthews. Matthews was a leader of The Order, gunned down by the FBI during a 1984 shootout. Sixty-five happy racists turned out.

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GRANT BRISTON
Front member

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And a Canada Immigration-driven series of operations

Suddenly white power was reborn in Toronto.

The event was co-sponsored by a number of smaller, fledgling racist groups and featured a mix of paranoid white power and anti-government speeches.

By the spring the Front was putting out pamphlets and posters and managed to hold their second meeting — a celebration of Adolph Hitler's 102nd birthday.

They'd also put into place a taped telephone hotline.

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resulted in a few setbacks.

In the fall of 1991, Metro police ETF officers and immigration forces swooped down on a car in Scarborough and arrested an Aryan Nations enforcer, Sean Maguire.

In the car — driven by Front member Grant Briston — they found a sawed-off shotgun, a semi-automatic rifle, binoculars, handcuffs and a police radio scanner.

Maguire was deported.

This summer Immigration and a variety of police forces have conducted similar operations — grabbing and booting out the notorious leaders of the White Aryan Resistance, Tom and John Metzger; the arrest of a high-level member of the Church Of The Creator, Rudy Stanko in Saskatchewan; the arrest and removal from Canada of a racist Buffalo rock band; and the arrest and deportation of British author and Nazi-sympathizer David Irving.

While the moves make it tougher for the Front to bring in 'stars' to motivate their members, they're not rolling over and playing dead.

And while the media and human rights watchdog groups focus on their racist rallies and their hotline, the Front and its members are preparing for a more violent future.

It is a point of faith with the hardcore that a cataclysmic race war is looming — the more extreme feel it's already underway, if underground.

'Heading into chaotic times'

"We're headed into chaotic times, there's radicalization everywhere," Droege says.

Kevin Nealon, the alias sometimes used by the leader of a small Klan group in Metro, brags that all of his members have got, or been told to get, their Firearm Acquisition Certificates before new gun laws make them more difficult to acquire. Guns are needed for self-defence, the Scarborough-based Nealon asserts. And he claims his group will set up a training camp next summer.

Sources inside the Front confirm that members have received para-military training in the U.S. and Droege himself admits there are those who conduct such exercises here.

"There are some supporters, I wouldn't say members, who, uh, do that kind of thing down near London," Droege says. "I believe in non-violent change — but that's not always possible."

Droege insists his organization will stay clean and legal. "We don't wish to go that way (to violence), we hope to find solutions through dialogue."

"But how often are we able to voice our opinion?"

TOMORROW: PART 2

Focus on the Church Of The Creator — one of the fastest growing, and potentially most threatening — of the hardcore white racist movements.

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- Craig Robertson, Sun

ON THE MARCH ... White supremacists, from left, James Scott Dawson, George Burdi, Peter Mitrevski and Wolfgang Droege, march on University Ave. in September.

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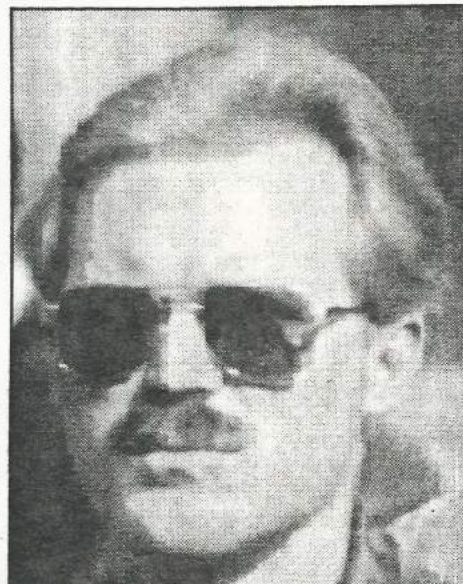
Wolfgang Droege

Frontman for the Front. Age 42, he's a bailiff and printer by trade. Convictions for assault, conspiracy to violate the U.S. neutrality act, weapons and drug possession. Clean since '85.



Peter Mitrevski

Former skinhead, 24. Great tattoos and an even better collection of racist groups T-shirts. Has travelled for the Heritage Front and represented them at various racist rallies.



David Maxwell French

"Max," 32 years old. Former member of the racist Nationalist Party, French ran for Scarborough mayor in '91 and got 3,784 votes. A veteran racist with international experience.



George Burdi

a.k.a. Rev. Erik Hawthorn, a.k.a. George Noriss. He's now on the international leadership of the rabidly racist, Wisconsin-based, Church Of The Creator. Appeared in disguise on Geraldo.



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• Scott Magnish, Sun

VOICE OF HATE ... George Burdi, leader of the Church of the Creator in Canada, was photographed singing with his racist rock band, Rahowa, at a Ku Klux Klan rally in Quebec this summer.

Pumped-up thugs heart of the Church of the Creator

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"We are not about to let this civilization crumble at the hands of Jews or the other mud races either. We are prepared to fight, and fight we will! RAHOWA! Total White Victory!"

Rev. Carl Alexander, in November 1992 issue of *Racial Loyalty* newsletter

'Rahowa" is Church of the Creator shorthand for Racial Holy War.

The Creators are part of a 20-year-old white racist movement now based in Wisconsin with branches in South Africa, Germany, Austria, Sweden, throughout the United States and Canada.

"They believe," one intelligence source here put it, "not just in a white homeland — they want the whole planet."

And indeed, their T-shirts here proclaim "This planet is ours!"

Their printed material is so offensive they dare not distribute it openly in Canada. It's stridently anti-semitic, violently anti-black — anti-everything that doesn't fit the twisted ideology of the movement's founder, Ben Klassen.

"Rahowa" is a rallying cry, an article of faith among Creators that a total war pitting whites against the rest of the world is inevitable.

'Total war'

The question is, what kind of "total war" is coming?

To George Burdi, the 22-year-old leader of the movement's Canadian arm, the war is already under way — but "the battle ground is the white man's mind."

The "total victory" they seek, Burdi asserts, is converting the white race to the Creators' notion of racial loyalty.

To its critics, the Creators are the bully boys of the movement. Pumped-up thugs who've convinced themselves they are true White Warriors readying themselves for some kind of cataclysmic showdown.

What is clear is the group acts as security for the Heritage Front, guarding the door at rallies, escorting special visitors, handling metal detectors and monitoring police scanners.

Intelligence sources in Canada and the U.S. suggest the Creators are a militant and dangerous paramilitary organization.

No one has a handle on total membership — but when one Creator died of natural causes during a training session, about 50 "friends" from the movement showed up to pay their final respects.

Their "Security Legions" — called the White Berets in Canada — are said to be required to legally own a gun, be proficient in the martial arts and gain experience in police communication methods.

At a recent Heritage Front Rally, where black-shirted Creators provided security and counter-surveillance, a reporter was told about White Berets being sent for a two-week paramilitary training course at the group's world headquarters in Wisconsin.

'I can get them'

And a former Ku Klux Klan leader, Ken Peterson, told the *Sun* the Creators in the States deal in guns and explosives — and ran some up to Canada last June.

Peterson, speaking from his home in Janesville, Wis., said the paramilitary training being offered within the racist movement scares him.

"If I need hand grenades, I can get them, if I need automatic weapons I can get them," the former Klan leader said.

Stories have circulated in the movement about them conducting their own weapons-training exercises.

In fact on Aug. 30 — a Sunday — Durham Regional Police responded to a report about a group of men with guns menacing a citizen in an isolated rural area. When they arrived, the culprits had disappeared.

Burdi vehemently denied any Creators were involved. He admitted his White Berets train on Sunday

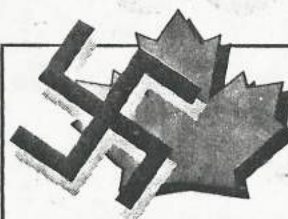
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— "but we've never trained in Durham and we've never trained with guns."

As to the accusation Creators smuggled guns across the border when members came up from Wisconsin for a rally in June, Burdi was contemptuous.

"No. Absolutely not. A carload of people did come up, but no weapons. I'm not stupid — I know we're being watched. We are squeaky clean in Toronto and I intend to keep it that way. Guns are a taboo subject."



**NEO-NAZIS
IN CANADA
SPECIAL REPORT**



— Paul Henry, *Sun*

IN THE MOOD ... Unidentified Creator at Toronto assembly celebrates Adolf Hitler's birthday, April 19.

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FRICION ... Creator, left, and anti-racist activist clash during a demonstration on University Avenue in Toronto this past May.

— Lee Lamothe, Sun

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Trouble brewing

There is a war being waged in this city, a battle between some age-old enemies: facists and anarchists.

They call themselves White Separatists on one side, and anti-racists on the other.

It's been a quiet and intense little struggle so far, but police — and the establishment ranks of both the human rights groups and the racists — fear that it has the potential for erupting into some serious street violence.

It has in Montreal. Riot police have been called in several times over the last two years to quell clashes between racists and anti-racists.

And that, of course, is tea-party stuff compared to the street violence in Germany.

It's headed for Toronto.

The rise of the racist Heritage Front two years ago did not go unnoticed.

Anarchist, left-wing and gay activists began trying to slip informants as deeply as they could into the Front.

The Front has returned the favor.

Both sides run taped telephone hotlines, and both sides have had hackers slip into their phone system and mess with their outgoing — and incoming — messages.

But three weeks ago things moved into the open.

The Heritage Front booked a hall for a rally and the anarchists — in the persons of the Anti-Racist Action (ARA) — learned of the meeting and called for their own rally.

At the ARA meeting that night, the Front's rally location was announced and the group decided to crash it.

Before they'd left, a Front leader received a phone call telling him demonstrators were on the way.

The resulting clash was an ugly standoff, but not too vicious. A few dozen eggs and some sticks were tossed. A few scuffles broke out. But both sides sniffed blood.

An angry Wolfgang Droege, frontman for the Front, said the following week he didn't know how much longer he could control his troops.

—B.D.

Reform Party ousts lobbyist

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By SCOT MAGNISH

Ottawa Sun

OTTAWA — An Ottawa woman who heads a right-wing lobby group has been kicked out of the Reform Party for "improper" conduct, the Sun has learned.

Anne Hartmann, president of the Northern Foundation, got the boot yesterday, Reform Party official Tom Flanagan said.

He would not specify why Hartmann was given the boot, but said the party found the Foundation's stated mandate of infiltrating mainstream political parties "disturbing."

Hartmann was ousted under a section of the Reform Party's constitution "for conduct judged improper, unbecoming or likely to adversely affect the party," he said.

She has been under investigation for more than five months, he added.

The Northern Foundation is a right-wing lobby group advocating a return to ultra-conservative moral values.

Heritage Front

It has had links with the Heritage Front — a Toronto-based neo-Nazi organization.

At one of the foundation's meetings in 1989, Heritage Front members passed out literature during a recruiting drive.

Hartmann — a mother of six and a former provincial government adviser — said she was the victim of a Reform Party "witch hunt."

"I'm appealing the decision and requesting a refund of all the money I've given the party."

Hartmann said she felt persecuted by both the party and the federal government.

"I'm sure this is a result of my participation in the 'No' side of the referendum," she said.

"In my opinion, the government is trying to discredit everyone who opposed them."

Protest targets weapon fancier

Toronto Sun 92-12-1

By BILL DUNPHY

42-12-1 Toronto Sun

Dozens of anti-racist activists demonstrated outside College Park Courts yesterday to demand police not return the seized gun collection of a man linked to the white supremacist movement.

But the man at the centre of their protest says he may ask the courts to hang onto his guns until he can find a buyer for them.

Alan Overfield — a former spokesman and official with the neo-Nazi Western Guard — was in court briefly to have his charges of unsafe storage of weapons and ammunitions held over until next year.

Overfield was arrested and had his extensive gun collection seized earlier this month after his wife called police claiming he was threatening suicide.

He denies making such a threat.

70 weapons

Police took more than 70 weapons from Overfield's east-end home, including tommy guns, Uzis, semi-automatic rifles and dozens of handguns.

At the time Overfield said he collected guns the way some people collect stamps.

But yesterday he said the publicity surrounding the seizure of his collection may mean his collecting days are over.

"I may ask the courts to hold on to them until I can dispose of them. I don't think I can afford to keep them — I'm now a target for every nutbar in the city," he told the Sun.

The 42-year-old bailiff was surrounded by dozens of anti-racist activists as he left the court and waited for an elevator, but police helped him slip away through a back exit.

Kevin Thomas, of Anti-Racist Action, said his group was protesting "to point out to people Overfield's long history in the white supremacist movement."

A pamphlet distributed by ARA called Overfield "a threat to public safety."

Jewish group posts reward after vandals hit at natives

Toronto Star 92.11.30

The Canadian Jewish Congress will pay \$5,000 for information leading to the conviction of neo-Nazis who defaced a Toronto native centre and a bookstore on Saturday.

In 1989, an offer of a \$5,000 congress reward led within two weeks to the arrest of two young people who defaced a North York synagogue.

"A neo-Nazi attack against one segment of society is an attack against us all," said congress spokesperson David Satok.

"We fully appreciate the pain and anger that the native community must be feeling. We want to do everything possible to bring these racist criminals to justice."

Swastikas were painted on the sidewalk in front of the Toronto Native Centre on Spadina Rd. and a Star of David was sprayed on a window of the Pathfinder bookstore on Bloor St. W.

In September, two rocks were hurled through the store window, knocking down displays on Malcolm X and Nelson Mandela.

Growing attacks by neo-Nazis and other racists must speed up steps by Metro police to form a "hate crimes unit," Satok said.

Reward out for 'racist vandals'

Toronto Sun
92.11.30

By RAY SMITH
Toronto Sun

A \$5,000 reward has been offered for information leading to the conviction of those responsible for two recent neo-Nazi attacks.

Swastikas were painted on the front walk of the Native Canadian Centre on Spadina Rd. and a Star of David was plastered on the Pathfinder Bookstore on Bloor St. W.

"A neo-Nazi attack against one segment of

society is an attack against all," said David Satok, chair of the Canadian Jewish Congress Joint Community Relations Committee yesterday.

The reward is for the arrest and conviction of the "racist vandals" who attacked the buildings Friday night.

"As Canadian Jews we want to do everything possible to bring these racist criminals to justice," he said.

Satok said the increased activities of white supremacist groups indicate the need for a

hate crime unit to be set up by police.

A proposal for such a squad is to be discussed by Metro Police Services Board tomorrow.

Robert Simms, manager of Pathfinder Books, said the reward "is fine" but he'd like to see as many groups as possible pressuring police to see that these crimes are investigated.

His store displays books by Malcolm X, Nelson Mandela and anti-facist writers.

KKK hate comes to Georgetown

Hamilton Spectator
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By STEVE ARNOLD
The Spectator

GEORGETOWN — White-robed Klansmen may have come to Halton on the weekend but the reaction they sparked is a comfort for the chairman of the region's race relations committee.

The anger some residents expressed at the demonstration, said Leslie Nero, a black, was a welcome sign that five years of race relations work is starting to have an effect in Halton.

"The citizens of Georgetown were obviously upset because we certainly don't welcome that kind of group and the literature they were spreading in Halton," said Mr. Nero. "They certainly don't represent the feelings of most people in the region or the country."

Seven men shrouded in the hooded white robes of the Ku Klux Klan paraded on the main street of Georgetown Saturday morning, handing out pamphlets and enduring the wrath of residents.

"I'd been downtown and was just about to drive away when I saw these creatures on the corner," said teacher Christine Higgins. "After the horror of seeing them set in I went back to take pictures."

Ms Higgins, who teaches race relations classes, went home and returned with a camera just as Halton police arrived to monitor the 15-minute demonstration.

By that time, she said, at least two of the bystanders had started swearing at the demonstrators and

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pounding on the hood of their car.

One managed to partially pull the hood off a Klansman, earning her a warning from police.

"I'm still very angry and upset because I'm a resident of Georgetown and I hate to see this sort of thing happen," Ms Higgins said. "My initial response was disbelief and horror when I saw them, and then I was angry that they'd show up in my town."

The Klansmen, who drove cars with Quebec and Ontario licence plates, distributed a single sheet letter headlined Invisible Empire, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

Written in English and French, the note says: "There are hundreds of organizations working for the interest of the blacks," but no one speaking for the white majority of the country.

Because of that imbalance, it says, "we are faced with reverse discrimination in jobs, promotions and scholarships — bus-



Policeman watches Ku Klux Klan members hand out leaflets.

ing for forced integration — high taxes for the minority welfare — a high rate of brutal crime — gun control — anti-whites movies and TV programs — in short, a society oriented to the wishes of minorities."

The Klan, however, is "unapologetically committed to the interests, ideas and cultural values of the White majority."

Mr. Nero said he was surprised to hear of the group spreading its message in broad daylight, but added "certainly as an organization they have their rights."

"They weren't breaking any laws in what they were doing so I think the Halton regional police handled it very well," he added.

With files from Spectator wire services

Immigration officials detain supremacist from the U.S.

Toronto Star 93.01.23

By Allan Thompson
TORONTO STAR

A supremacist from Oklahoma who advocates using guerrilla violence to create a whites-only state has been apprehended at Pearson International Airport on his way into Canada.

Dennis Mahon, 43, was detained at Terminal 3 yesterday by the RCMP, Canadian Security and Intelligence Service and immigration intelligence and has since been moved to the Metro West Detention Centre.

"Mahon was denied entry to Canada based on our belief that he is likely to commit an indictable offence, namely inciting hatred," said immigration spokesperson Milt Best.

Best said Mahon will be held pending a hearing or detention review, which will probably take place Monday.

Mahon is part of the 'most violent faction'

Best had little information on Mahon, but anti-racism groups in Canada and the United States named him as a key figure in the most violent faction of the white supremacist movement. And Mahon himself has told reporters of his guerrilla and terrorist activities.

"He associates himself with the most violent and militant wing of the movement," said Leonard Zeskind of the Centre For Democratic Renewal, an anti-racism group in Atlanta, Ga.

"He is intent on organizing the most militant wing of the white supremacist movement in the U.S. and Canada."

This is not Mahon's first time in Canada. He spoke at a Heritage Front meeting in Toronto in December, 1991, and used the occasion to verbally attack members of Toronto's Asian and black communities.

"He is part of the most violent faction of neo-Nazis right now on the east coast,"

added Martin Theriault, executive director of the Canadian Centre on Racism and Prejudice in Montreal.

Theriault speculated he was on his way to Vancouver to speak at a rally in the place of White Aryan Resistance movement leader Tom Metzger, who is barred from entering Canada.

"My bet is that he was heading to Vancouver and maybe planned on being back in Toronto just in time for the Heritage Front tribunal on Monday," Theriault said.

A case against the Heritage Front for allegedly targeting natives through a phone-in line comes up in Federal Court in Toronto on Monday. The case has been brought by the Native Canadian Centre and the Jewish Congress.

Mahon told a reporter at the Daily Oklahoman newspaper in Oklahoma City only last Tuesday that he was going to a foreign country to be arrested and create a diversion.

Mahon, a former leader of the Ku Klux Klan in Tulsa and top official of Metzger's racist group, has openly advocated the use of violence.

'Violence is necessary to preserve the white race'

He has also been involved with a fringe neo-Nazi group in the U.S. called the Church of the Creator, Theriault said.

The so-called church set up mailing addresses in Scarborough, Agincourt and Woodbridge last year, the Human Rights League of the B'nai Brith said last March, and began distributing racist posters attacking Jews.

Mahon's goal is a white homeland called the Rocky Mountain Republic, comprising the states of Oregon, Washington, Wyoming, Montana and Idaho.

"Violence is a necessary strategy to preserve the white race's existence," he told the Daily Oklahoman in a 1991 interview.

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REACTION ON THE

RISE

A membership card turns up on a skinhead accused of murder and evokes global terror network

By FARHAN MEMON

In Montreal's homosexual community the scene is a typical one. A park frequented by gays. A marauding band of young men known as skinheads. A vicious and fatal encounter.

It was the night of November 29, 1992, in Agrignon Park when the skinheads accosted 51-year-old Yves Lalonde. They cracked open his skull with homemade clubs and kicked his stomach until his liver exploded. For their efforts, they removed \$92 from his wallet and the next day bragged about how they had killed a fag.

But at the home of one of the six skinhead suspects raided by homicide officers of the Montreal Urban Community Police, investigators found something chilling. They had expected to find Nazi paraphernalia — the usual stock of Hitler photographs and literature about the pure race.

What they didn't count on was an ID card made out in the name of the juvenile offender suspect who can't be identified because of Canada's Young Offenders Act. He belonged to a group whose acronym, NSDAP/AO, stands for Nationale-sozialistische Deutsche Arbeiterpartei Auslands und Aufbauorganisation.

Among other things, the group is being probed by German police as suspects in the firebombing of a Turkish immigrant centre last year. Three Turkish women burned to death in the blaze.

Global thinking

When the officers checked into the group and its standing in Canada, they were in for a rude shock. The ID card they had seized was a first in this country, although the AO is well entrenched and well connected among America's vast

CRITICAL LIST

The following events are some that have been linked with the neo-Nazi NSDAP/AO whose German name translates as National Socialist German Workers' Party foreign and development branch.

1972 — Founding of NSDAP/AO, the world's largest purveyor of neo-Nazi books and paraphernalia, in Nebraska

1973 — Group sets up operations in former West Germany

1979 — Six members charged with attempted terrorism in Greensboro, North Carolina

1981 — Attempted invasion of the island of Dominica with Ku Klux Klan members, including two from Toronto

1982 — Killing of three foreign workers in Nuremberg, former West Germany

1992 — I.D. card found on Montreal murders suspect



Anti-racist demonstrators Daniel Seligman, Greg Grzelidze, Farood Shah

Unknownst to the protesters chanting "Fascist Bigots Go Away" a handful of white supremacists are watching.

array of white supremacist, neo-Nazi groups.

What investigators uncovered was yet another link in the increasingly complicated structure of international racist organization. Ultra-right groups are fast learning the strategically rewarding virtues of acting locally and thinking globally.

The multinational credentials of the NSDAP/AO, for instance, are instructive.

According to Beate H. East, a terrorism researcher in Manitoba, the group shares an address with the National Socialist Party of America (NSPA), headed by Michael Allen, in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Beate and her husband Yoram, a former Israeli Defence Forces colonel and instructor at the University of Manitoba, maintain a data bank on such groups. According to their information and that of other groups monitoring right-wing vio-

lence, the NSPA (including some members of the NSDAP/AO) has a history full of violence.

Included in their exploits is the 1981 attempted invasion of the island of Dominica, which was mounted with members of the Ku Klux Klan, including two from Toronto. Six of its members were charged with attempted terrorism in Greensboro, North Carolina, in 1979.

In the United States, the Anti-Def-

amation League of the B'nai B'rith calls the NSDAP/AO one of the "most dangerous and influential" Nazi groups. In Canada, Lalonde's killing is the first violent act to be associated with the organization.

Mosque bombing

The closest that East comes to associating the NSDAP/AO with a terrorist action in Canada is the firebombing of a Muslim mosque in Calgary two years ago. The group that claimed responsibility was the Nationale Sozialist Deutsche Wehrsport Gruppe (NSDWG/AO).

East says the ideology is the same for both groups and the names of the membership crisscross, but the formations take on slightly different names as they locate in different parts of the country — the NSDWG in western Canada and the NSDAP/AO in eastern Canada.

The NSDAP/AO was originally founded in Nebraska by Gerhard Lauck in 1972, and moved to the former West Germany in 1973. A year later, he moved back to the U.S. after clashes with German authorities. In the early 1980s, East says, they spread their activities to Scandinavia and Austria.

On June 24, 1982, remnants of the organization in West Germany killed three foreign workers and injured two others in Nuremberg. Helmut Oxner, an NSDAP/AO member, was charged and convicted and confessed to his connections to the group before committing suicide.

East says the NSDAP/AO's beliefs are identical to Hitler's Nazi party — they believe in a succession to Hitler and in race cleansing.

In the U.S., Lauck took on the

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Quebec rights commission rejects gay-bashing probe

By NANTHA KUMAR

The Quebec Human Rights Commission's decision to launch an investigation into the level of anti-gay violence in the province rather than hold a public inquiry is being met with resentment and anger by Montreal's gay and lesbian community.

The unsolved killings of 12 men in the last three years calls for more than just a working group, says Douglas Buckley of the Table de Concertation des Lesbiennes et Gais du Grand Montreal, an umbrella organization of gay and lesbian groups.

Although the umbrella group is temporarily going along with the commission, it has stated very bluntly that any further hedging would mean the setting up of a pink-panther-type self-defence group that would afford gays the protection they do not get from society.

The most recent killings were those of two men, described by police as attacks against homosexuals by teenagers. After the killings, gays demanded that the rights commission set up a full-fledged inquiry.

However, commission president Yves Lafontaine rejected the idea. Lafontaine was not available for comment, but Robert Sylvestre, an information officer for the commission, says one of the reasons for not holding a full inquiry is because "the number of formal complaints brought to the commission was kind of low."

Larger question

"But naturally the question of violence is larger and doesn't necessarily lead to complaints in terms of discrimination (with the commission)," says Sylvestre.

"We are not ruling out the possibility for a public inquiry, but let's

first study the situation and decide on the best course of action," he adds.

Daniel Hubert, a member of the Quebec Human Rights League and author of *Skinheads And The Extreme Right*, disagrees. He says a task force will not have the same impact as a public inquiry. "We might be sending out the wrong message to the general public," he says.

Hubert says that anti-gay violence in Quebec has reached epidemic levels because it is not limited to skinheads alone.

"We are looking at a very grave problem when you have 12 unsolved murders of men."

He adds that the work of the task force could be limited because it will not be able to subpoena witnesses, a power that public inquiries have.

For Neimi, executive director of the Canadian Centre on Racism

and Prejudice, is confident that a working group with a set three-month deadline will do the job just as effectively. "It's a short-term first step to deal with the problem," he says.

Neimi, who is also a member of the Quebec Human Rights Commission, says that the group will do the preliminary investigations before a public inquiry can be held.

Buckley, however, says the gay community is willing "to play the game with the Human Rights Commission," but will settle for nothing less than a public inquiry.

"Our primary goal is to end violence and murder. We have to mount a political campaign. And if that fails, we'll regroup and take to arms," Buckley says. "We'll form a pink panthers group like in the U.S., and patrol our village. If society cannot protect us, then we'll be forced to protect ourselves." ●

CONFERENCE PROBES GERMANY'S NEO-FACISM

By ENZO DI MATTEO

Like an out-of-control movie reel spinning backwards in time, vicious skinhead rampages form the uncertain and threatening images now emerging from the "new Germany" three short years after reunification.

This rebirth of racist violence, aside from presenting an enormous challenge to German officials, is also begging for historical interpretation. That's what occupied a team of Canadian, U.S., German and Israeli academics last weekend (January 15-16) at a Toronto conference entitled *From Racism To Fascism? The Political Culture Of Germany After Unification*.

"Racism is a very broad, pervasive thing in German society," says University of Toronto sociologist Michael Bodemann after the conference wraps up. "Basically, you have a conflict between the German middle class and the working class. The working class is racist and the middle class is shocked by these things because (internationally) they look ugly."

"To the middle class the question of shame means, 'What will other people say about us?'" says the former professor, who's in residence both at *Frei Universität* and *Humboldt Universität* in Berlin. "They say, 'What are people abroad going to say about these terrible things that are happening?' They don't say, 'The hell with what other people say,' and that these things are appalling."

"I'm not saying there is no compassion, but even in these very large (anti-neo-Nazi) demonstrations I don't feel you got the sense that Germans feel we have to integrate them (new immigrants), and what's happening to them is horrible."

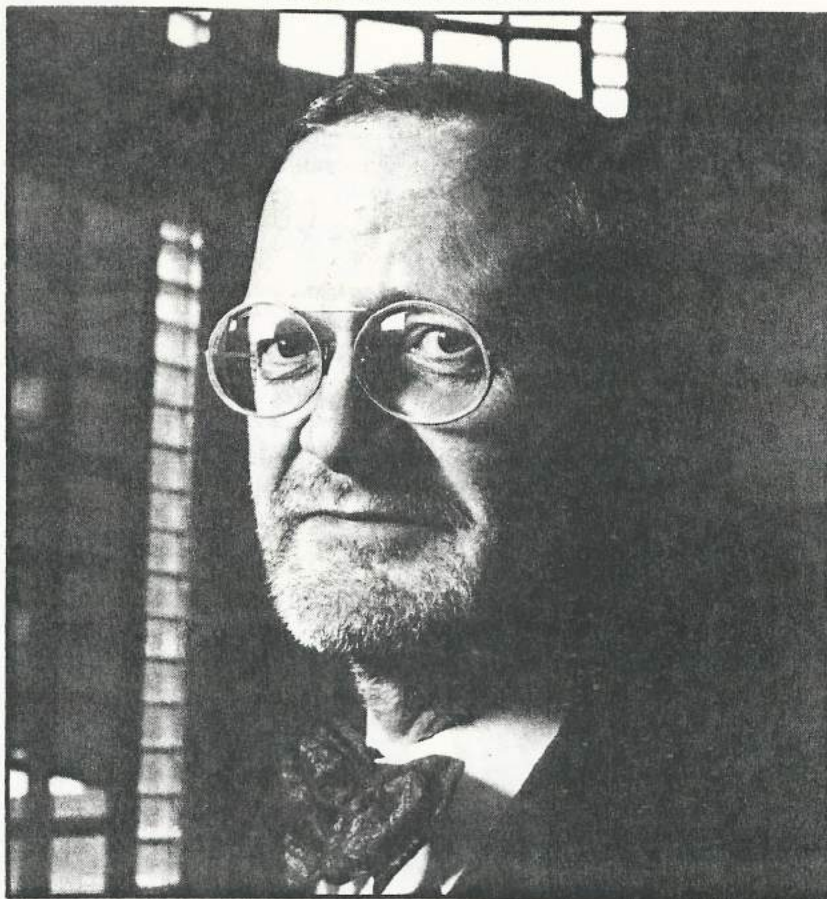
Forward address

In an address that one participant says could have been written in German chancellor Helmut Kohl's office, Paul Heinbecker, Canada's recently appointed ambassador to Germany, argues that "the anti-foreigner violence in Germany evokes the riots in Los Angeles" more than it does the memory of the democratically fragile former Weimar republic that gave way to Nazism.

"It would be foolish to dismiss the concerns of those who think they see parallels," he says. But the "skinheads behind the attacks are little more than 'young thugs who are not apparently well organized and scarcely capable of an ideology.' They're at 'the bottom of the social ladder.'"

Unlike in the 1930s, the factors that once laid the foundation for the rise of fascism no longer exist in Germany, Heinbecker says. Germany is not an occupied country, nor is it living under the "threat" of Bolshevism, the conditions of an unfair treaty imposed upon it, or in an economic depression.

What, he asks, would be the reaction of Canadians if they lost con-



Michael Bodemann

"I'm not saying there is no compassion, but even in those anti-skinhead demonstrations, you don't get the sense Germans feel they have to integrate new immigrants." Michael Bodemann, U of T sociologist

trol of their borders and if, as is happening in Germany, thousands of refugees all settled into an area the size of Ontario, and absorbed one-third of the social services budget?

"Even without these (social problems) we have our own skinheads. It doesn't take a degree in political science to see the potential it creates for violence."

But several members of the audience, most of them teachers, professors and students, question Heinbecker's "optimistic" view.

Pointing to such factors as the mainstream media's exclusion of immigrant voices in the current German debate, one woman says "many" of the visible minority friends she stays in contact with in Germany are afraid to walk the streets.

Fearful newcomers

The German ambassador to Canada, Richard Ellerkmann, the first of three keynote speakers, sounds, and at times acts, like someone in the unenviable position of having to

defend the indefensible.

In the past year, there have been 2003 reported acts of extreme right-wing violence in Germany, according to the country's federal office for the protection of the constitution. More than 1,850 of these have been directed at foreigners, or Ausslanders as they are known in Germany. In all, 17 people have been killed, eight of them foreigners.

In 650 cases, arson or explosives were involved.

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TORONTO GROUPS RESIST RIGHT

By ENZO DI MATTEO

On the steps of Riverdale Collegiate on Tuesday (January 19), 150 anti-racist demonstrators converge in a show of force against the harassment of east-end high schools by white supremacists.

Unbeknownst to the majority of protesters chanting "Fascist Bigots Go Away," a handful of white supremacist Heritage Front types are watching the proceedings — one of them toting a video camera.

Hovering close by are a dozen Metro police officers, some undercover, waiting for a set-to that never materializes.

A rally organizer takes his own snaps of the Front members. Nearby stands Martin Theriault, co-director of the Montreal-based Canadian Centre for Racism and Prejudice, in town preparing for a human rights complaint being heard Monday (January 25) against the Front's telephone hotline.

The organization, he warns, has achieved global notoriety and benefits from the reflected glory brought to Canadian white supremacists by Holocaust denier Ernst Zundel's frequent German jaunts. There, Zundel appears as an "expert" witness in trials — one as recently as two months ago.

Canadian head

Theriault says the Front is considered the Canadian head of the so-called Aryan resistance among right-wing groups in the U.S. and networks with neo-Nazis in Germany. A number of leading German nationalists came to Canada to testify at the 1985 trial of Zundel, who later spent nine months in jail for publishing and distributing hate literature. Front head Wolfgang Droege is also known to be planning a swing through Germany and eastern Europe later this year.

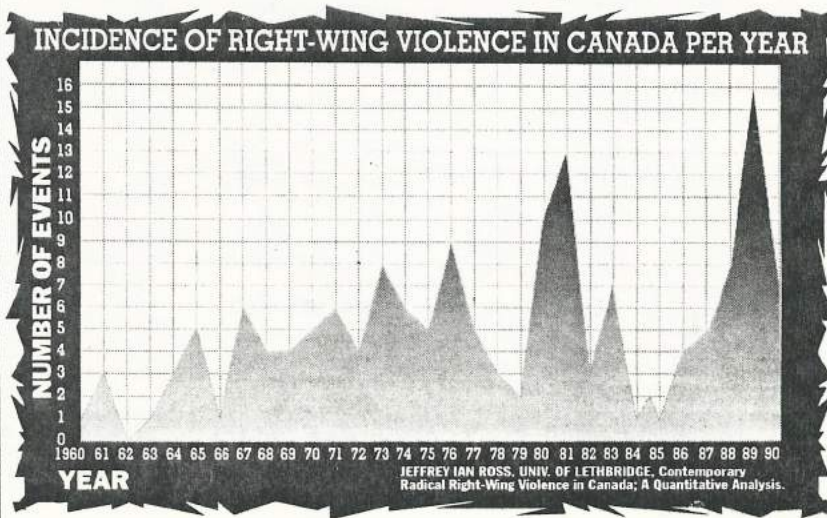
Ties with white supremacist groups in the U.S. have become particularly strong, says Theriault, as can be seen by the emergence here of the paramilitary Church of the Creator. The head of the Canadian chapter of the U.S.-based group lives in north Metro and is lead singer in the rock band RaHo-Wa, or Racial Holy War.

A former guitarist with the group, according to Theriault, now heads the Church's Wisconsin head office.

The growing ability of the extreme right to manoeuvre globally brought Nazi-hunter Sol Littman, of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre for Holocaust Studies, to the Metro police services board last Thursday (January 14). He urged the board to step up local policing efforts against Toronto's ultra-right movements, which he says are the expression of an international threat.

Gone are the days, Littman tells NOW, when right-wing groups like the Front were made up of "mostly gun nuts and readers of *Soldier of Fortune* magazine."

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Experts want police to watch growing neo-Nazi movement

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name Gary Rex Lauck. His group publishes a quarterly monthly magazine called NS Kamfruf. It is published in 10 languages.

East's husband Yoram says such movements are very attractive to hoodlums, as they were in the time of Hitler. "Young people are attracted by the nice training grounds in places like Idaho, weapons, parades, a sense of unity, superiority, uniforms. My experience is that they also have a lot of sympathy among some police officers."

As a result of the evidence uncovered during their raid, Montreal police theorize that the skinheads were in the initial phases of setting up a branch of the NSDAP/AO.

"They were definitely in the process of forming a political organization," says a Montreal police source close to the investigation. "They had an ideology and they were recruiting members. They're a group that hated blacks and gays."

Authorities in Germany say the NSDAP/AO is the world's largest purveyor of pro-Nazi books and paraphernalia. The group's leader, Gary Lauck, spent four and a half months in a German jail for distributing neo-Nazi material, which under German law is illegal. He has been labeled a terrorist by Germany, and is threatened with immediate imprisonment if he returns. Several other European countries consider him persona non grata.

Reached at his parents' home in Lincoln, Nebraska, Lauck says it is possible that one of his group's I.D. cards was found in Montreal.

"In our newspapers we have an application for official supporters, and these are people that are in

basic agreement with us ideologically. They send us dues payments of \$5 a month," says Lauck.

Denies killing

"But I don't remember anyone writing to me to say that they washed up a gay guy. I can't say whether this person was a member or not because many people send in money so that they can get a card to show to friends at parties and stuff."

Lauck says that while his group's propaganda does not tell its members to go out and kill homosexuals, he does not rule out the use of force. "I just want people to stand up for white people, and if you're defending the white race then the ends justify the means."

Martin Theriault, director of the Canadian Centre on Racism and Prejudice, says that the six skinheads arrested in Montreal are part of a larger gang numbering 15 to 20. The organized crime committee of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police says serious skinhead gang members number 50.

"The neo-Nazi movement has found that it can harness the energy of alienated youth for its own benefit," says Theriault. "By sending skinhead youth onto the streets to agitate, the far right believes that it can create the social conditions necessary for their agenda to move forward."

"Since most skinheads are underage, they know that even if they get arrested and sent to prison, the Young Offenders Act ensures that their names won't be mentioned," says Theriault. "They'll only be in prison for a year or two at the most, so the cost to them is very low."

Theriault maintains Montreal

skinheads are much more radical than their counterparts in Toronto or western Canada.

"In Montreal they're not as closely knit together. The skinheads are much more atomized and thus less easily controlled and more prone to violence. That's why you have incidents like Yves Lalonde being killed."

"If skinheads in Toronto were to head out onto the street we would have a much more serious problem on our hands."

But Jeffrey Ian Ross, a political scientist at the University of Lethbridge in Alberta and an expert on far-right groups in Canada, doesn't think the adult far right is very skilled in the exploitation of youthful energies.

"I'm not so certain that members of the far right in Canada are sophisticated enough to realize that young members can be employed in this manner. Crack dealers in Brooklyn or South Central Los Angeles will have juveniles act as front men or bag men because they know that juveniles won't get the same type of sentence. I don't think Canadian groups have figured this out yet."

However, both agree that the problem cannot be dismissed as marginal and needs police attention.

"First," says Ross, "we need accurate information on the existence of the right wing. Second, academic and media information on exposing the activities of right-wing groups. Finally, there needs to be an adequate system of monitoring by the police of right-wing groups — adequate, that is, in terms of not violating their civil liberties."

Probing rightist renewal

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Vietnam veterans and former CIA operatives who joined right-wing groups in the U.S. in the late 60s, he says, brought with them intelligence-gathering techniques, while worldwide terrorist organizations helped the groups create global networks.

The recent Toronto visits of Holocaust denier Tom Metzger from California and British writer and Nazi sympathizer David Irving point to the movement's multinational ties.

"For the most part the police, who up until now have been doing a relatively good job, have become overwhelmed," says Bernie Farber, an observer of the Canadian right wing. "They have not developed a body of expertise in terms of dealing with these neo-Nazi groups."

Says Farber, "These are very difficult crimes to investigate. But they're even more difficult crimes to investigate if you don't have the officers to investigate them. If police and the government really take these crimes seriously as they say they do, then they will put their ideas and their money where their mouth is."

Hate crimes

The Metro force, for example, which recently announced the formation of a hate crimes unit, has only two officers assigned full-time to the unit.

"Police are not really the ones to blame in all of this," says Metro councillor Norm Gardner, a policing insider. "They are not being given the proper resources."

The hate crimes unit is a unit in name only, says Gardner. It relies largely on the cooperation between police forces at all levels.

"A lot of this stuff is intelligence gathering," he says. "It's not like you have to be out on the streets following these people on a day-to-day basis."

Stressing that educating school kids targeted by right-wing groups is a key component, however, sergeant Dino Doria, a member of the force's intelligence unit, describes the Metro force's approach to hate crimes as "avant-garde."

"We as a police force can't attack the problem as a solo entity," he says.

Back at Riverdale, one protester wears a makeshift button cut-out photograph of Droege taken from a recent newspaper article. "We have to make sure we give a face to these people," he says.

Citizens take on racism

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The ambassador stresses, however, that "the vast majority" of attacks (about 70 per cent) have been committed by "youngsters" under 20 years of age.

"So far, there have been no reports of incidents of violence in the workplace where 5.9 million foreigners work," or at any of the country's universities, which are attended by about 100,000 foreign students.

Initiatives undertaken

The German government was slow to react to the Rostock rioting, Ellermann acknowledges. But "the government is acting now," he says. Two right-wing organizations have been banned and their property confiscated. "Schools have begun to again have this question of racism and Nazism discussed in history class," Ellermann says.

Members of the audience, however, seems more interested in answers on issues of German citizenship, which defines nationality by birth. In Germany, guest workers can only apply for citizenship after eight to 10 years of residency, and are restricted from access to jobs in the higher levels of the civil service. Ellermann, after receiving a telex that morning (January 15) from Germany, says unspecified changes are being considered.

"Many other European countries have ancestry-based citizenship laws," he says.

Volker Gransow, a professor of political science and sociology at the Frei Universität in Berlin and the current chair of German and European studies at U of T, says that "for the first time in post-war German history, one can talk with reason about the fascist potential."

Zoo story

Many young people, especially males, are experiencing isolation and boredom, he says. One group of skinheads recently embarked on a "penguin bashing" expedition at the Berlin zoo. An estimated 30 per cent of Berlin high school students are armed, he says, usually with knives or clubs. Criminal acts of violence have also risen to six million incidents in 1992, up from 4.5 million in 1990.

"One has to be concerned about the neo-fascist youth culture with a tendency toward violence, especially... (given) the special German record of national socialism," Gransow says.

But there is solace to be taken, he says, in the demonstrations that have followed the neo-Nazi attacks — especially since they were organized by citizen groups without access to the range of telephones and communications networks that North Americans are accustomed to.

Outside the conference auditorium, two people distribute flyers advertising an anti-racism rally January 25 at Queen's Park. The flyers read: No to racism, no to fascism. Never again.

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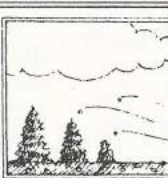
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Neo-Nazis, anti-racists plan marches to hearing

Human-rights tribunal to decide if telephone hot line spreads hatred

BY MARK PALMER
Special to The Globe and Mail

TORONTO — Anti-racist and neo-Nazi groups warned last night that things could get "ugly" today when they march to a Canadian Human Rights Commission hearing into allegations that a white supremacist telephone hot line is spreading hate against aboriginal people.

The warning came three days after a clash between hundreds of anti-racist demonstrators and a small group of neo-Nazis in Vancouver and the detention of a suspected U.S. Ku Klux Klan official at Pearson International Airport in Toronto on the belief that he would "incite hatred."

The CHRC tribunal was set up after Toronto's Native Canadian Centre, with the assistance of the Canadian Jewish Congress, made a formal complaint to the commission last January against the Heritage Front, a Toronto white supremacist group that operates the hot line.

Rodney Bobiwash, a policy analyst at the centre, said two groups, Anti-Racist Action and the American Indian Movement, will march from Queen's Park to the University Avenue courthouse today. Mr. Bobiwash expects supporters of the Heritage Front to also be there.

"I think that it could get a bit ugly," Mr. Bobiwash said. "You have to expect the potential for violence any time you face skinheads and neo-Nazis."

Wolfgang Droege, a spokesman for the Heritage Front, said there should be just more than 50 supporters for his organization, but he doesn't expect any violence.

"We aren't the ones who will start anything, but we are ready to defend ourselves," Mr. Droege said. "All we are there for is to express our opinions."

The hot line was set up after the Oka standoff of 1990. Mr. Bobiwash said at least five defamatory messages directed against him appeared

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on the hot line in the summer of 1991, one of which said "anyone can get scalped, so get ready."

Mr. Bobiwash and Bernie Farber, director of community relations for the Canadian Jewish Congress, said they hope the commission will permanently shut down the hot line. The commission issued an order against the Heritage Front last September prohibiting it from using the line until the hearing decided its fate.

On Friday in Vancouver, hundreds of anti-racist demonstrators surrounded a hotel where about 25 white supremacist skinheads were holding a meeting. About 3,000 demonstrators gathered for a peaceful rally, which was fueled by rumours that Tom Metzger, leader of the White Aryan Resistance in the United States, was to attend the meeting.

Mr. Metzger, who was deported with his son John from Toronto last July after speaking at a Heritage Front meeting, did not appear in Vancouver.

Also on Friday, supremacist Dennis Mahon, 43, was detained at Pearson's Terminal 3. Milt Best, a spokesman for the Immigration Department, said it acted on a tip and detained him on the belief he would "incite hatred."

Mr. Farber and Mr. Bobiwash allege that Mr. Mahon is Tom Metzger's "right-hand man."

Mr. Mahon, according to Klan-busters, a Toronto group that monitors racist activity, is the Grand Imperial Wizard of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan from Tulsa, Okla.

Mr. Mahon will be held pending a hearing or detention review today, Mr. Best said.

Mr. Farber said Mr. Mahon's attempted entry into Toronto was a "media stunt" designed to divert attention from the white supremacist meeting in Vancouver.



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ANTI-RACISM ROW

MOVE ALONG ... A plainclothes officer, right, talks to a man after he disrupted an anti-racism rally at Toronto's Riverdale Collegiate Institute yesterday. About 400 students took part in the rally to declare war on white supremacist organizations trying to recruit Toronto high school students. While the rally took place inside the school, about 30 neo-Nazi splinter group members stood outside taunting the students.

SMASH THE NAZI FRONT

On **January 25** neo-nazi hate groups will march on a Human Rights hearing to intimidate and

silence those who speak out against racism and hatred.

Anti-racists will gather at the **south end of Queen's Park at**

8:15 a.m. to march on the courts and confront Toronto's fascist movement.

The Heritage Front's telephone Hateline is facing a challenge under the Ontario Human Rights Code.



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ANTI-RACIST ACTION



Mounted cops charge anti-Nazi protest

- Geoff George photo

Three protesters and a policeman were injured yesterday when Metro Police on horseback broke up a crowd of 500 demonstrators at the University Ave. courthouse. They were throwing rocks and eggs at Heritage Front members appearing on racial-hatred charges. Page 5

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PROTESTERS, POLICE CLASH

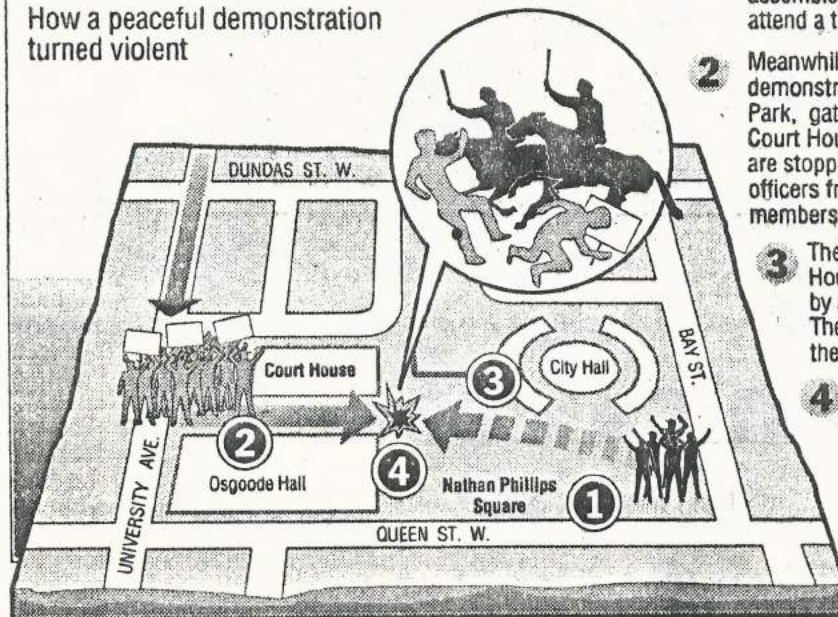


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Police wearing riot gear ride their horses into crowds of anti-racism protesters outside the University Ave. courthouse yesterday. Two people were arrested. Full Story/A6.

Court House confrontation

How a peaceful demonstration turned violent



- 1** About 30 members of Heritage Front assemble at Nathan Phillips Square to attend a tribunal in the Court House.
- 2** Meanwhile, some 500 anti-racism demonstrators, after a rally at Queen's Park, gather in the open space between Court House and Osgoode Hall. They are stopped by seven mounted police officers from getting near the Front members.
- 3** The neo-Nazis walk to the Court House across the square escorted by a dozen police officers on foot. The demonstrators scream at the Front members and the police.
- 4** Demonstrators hurl eggs at the neo-Nazis and the cops. Scuffles break out when protesters rush past the wall of mounted police guards who then charge into the crowd.

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CLASH — Opponents of the Heritage Front white-supremacist organization tangled with police yesterday outside a Toronto courthouse where the Front had a hearing scheduled. One policeman and several protesters were hurt. Story, A14.

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Heritage Front hearing ends in muddle

Police on horseback clear path through protesters outside courthouse

BY JACK KAPICA
and RUDY PLATIEL
The Globe and Mail

TORONTO — A human-rights hearing into complaints about the Heritage Front adjourned in confusion yesterday, just hours after supporters of the white-supremacist group needed police help to fight their way through angry anti-racism protesters.

The violence before the hearing began after Heritage Front supporters had gathered in the southeast corner of Nathan Phillips Square at City Hall and then marched to the courthouse. There they were met by about 400 anti-racism demonstrators, who linked arms to prevent passage to the Front members.

When the demonstrators did not obey police orders to move back, police on horseback charged the crowd, swinging riot sticks. Amid a small shower of eggs, the police pushed the crowd back just far enough to let the Heritage Front group through.

About 50 members and supporters of the Heritage Front got into the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal hearing.

The group and its leader, Wolfgang Droege, were charged last year under the Canadian Human Rights Act for communicating racial-hate messages over a phone-in line. The complaint was lodged by the Native Canadian Centre and the Canadian Jewish Congress.

Yesterday's hearing lurched to a confusing end. It was adjourned indefinitely after a university chemistry student confessed he was out of his depth in trying to represent Mr. Droege.

(The hearing will resume this morning solely to hear a legal motion by Rene Duval, counsel for the Canadian Human Rights Commission, who will seek an interim order to stop the telephone messages.)

Under Canadian human-rights procedures, if the commission decides a complaint has merit and mediation between the parties fails, a panel to hear the complaint is appointed by the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal, a separate and independent body.

One demonstrator asked a supervising police officer to explain why the Heritage Front was receiving police protection.

"This is still Canada and in this country both sides can still have their say," the officer replied.

The anti-racism demonstrators had marched to the courthouse from Queen's Park, chanting along the way "Nazis off the streets" and "the Heritage Front is a Nazi front."

Tagging along at the end was a handful of members of the Guardian Angels, a self-appointed vigilante group based in New York City. The anti-racism marchers refused to allow the Guardian Angels to join the march, and rejected their offer of First Aid for two or three marchers



Protesters marched from Queen's Park to courthouse on University Avenue.

(ROGER HALLETT/Globe and Mail)

who were hurt up in the scuffle with the police.

Before the skirmish, Gary Schipper, the voice of the Heritage Front telephone hotline, tried to warm up his small and frigid band of supporters by playing the first four bars of Dixie on his electronic loudspeaker and chanting "Equal rights for whites."

"Our hot line is not illegal," he said in an interview. "The hot line's a romper room, it's politically incorrect. If you want a little humour, a little satire, call the hot line."

He was scornful of the hearing. "There are three kinds of law — criminal, civil and, now, cultural law," he said. "The human-rights commission is a combination of the KGB and the Spanish Inquisition. It's a star chamber."

Mr. Thomas, a leader of the dem-

onstrators, denied that his group was attempting to prevent Mr. Schipper and Mr. Droege from entering the courtroom.

"We agreed they had to go through," he said. "Part of their strategy is to intimidate the people who testify against them, and our aim is to stop their show of force in the streets."

Sergeant Douglas Gibson of 52 Division said two demonstrators were arrested. One police officer suffered a separated shoulder and a few protesters had minor injuries, police said.

Inside court, the tribunal hearing never got to the substance of the complaints and at one point Mr. Duval threw his arms up in the air in frustration and described arguments by Mr. Droege's "agent," Ken Ernst, a Queen's University chemistry student, as ridiculous.

After rejecting one motion to dismiss itself, the tribunal was hearing a second from Mr. Ernst when he suddenly asked for an adjournment on the basis that he had been asked to help only the previous evening and had no time to prepare.

Mr. Ernst told the panel he now realized that defending Mr. Droege was beyond his capability.

Mr. Droege refused to enter the witness box and testify, but he told the panel that he now has a promise of legal representation.

He said he had tried earlier to get a lawyer. Some of those he spoke to, he said, were too expensive and others were intimidated by the prospect of violence.

Mr. Duval said he intended to press for an interim "cease and desist order" to stop the telephone messages. The panel has agreed to hear the legal arguments.

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2 arrested as racism protest turns ugly

By Moira Welsh
TORONTO STAR

An anti-racism rally turned ugly yesterday when Metro police on horseback rushed in to a crowd of angry protesters and smashed numerous people over the head and shoulders with riding crops.

"Cops and the Klan, hand in hand!" shouted angry demonstrators when they later marched on police headquarters denouncing their actions.

Three protesters received minor injuries and one officer was taken to hospital with a dislocated shoulder from the morning melee.

Police arrested two male protesters on assault charges after the demonstration ended at around 11 a.m. The names have not been released.

The initially peaceful protest started several hours earlier when 500 demonstrators marched from Queen's Park to the University Ave. courthouse where they chanted slurs against the white supremacist group Heritage Front.

About 30 members of the neo-Nazi group had gathered across Nathan Phillips Square, near Queen and Bay Sts., waiting to attend a human rights tribunal inside the courthouse.

The protest deteriorated into chaos when police tried to escort the Heritage Front members into the courthouse.

The protesters screamed, "Nazis! Nazis!" as seven mounted officers wearing riot helmets lined up in front of them creating a wall between the two opposing groups.

Front members marched toward the courthouse chanting, "Equal rights for whites," as their heavy boots thumped along the square.

Mostly young, punkish men and women wearing black swastikas and white-power symbols along with Ku Klux Klan paraphernalia, they waved Canadian and Confederate flags and played the song "Dixie" on a tape recorder.

Front director Wolfgang Droege told reporters: "We have the right to express our point of view."

The court hearing was called after Toronto's Native Canadian Centre filed a complaint with the Human Rights Commission against the group for a recorded telephone message line that many groups consider to be a "hate line" against minorities.

Some protesters screamed and pushed at police while others hurled eggs at the neo-Nazis, who walked by surrounded by officers, before

aiming eggs at the mounted police.

Then the mounted officers charged into the throng, smacking people with their riding crops.

After the 10-minute confrontation, three injured protesters gathered on a patch of nearby grass. One woman was hit in the head with a riding crop while two men had foot injuries.

The protesters, who turned away medical aid offered by an ambulance attendant, pulled on armbands with a red-cross insignia and gave their own medical treatment.

The protesters had been threatened with violence from Heritage Front members and were expecting fights with neo-Nazis, not the police, said Kevin Thomas, spokesperson for the Anti-Racism Action group, which organized the rally.

"That definitely wasn't in our plans," Thomas said.

"I'm angry that police chose to not only defend the neo-Nazis but attack us," he said.

But Metro Staff Sergeant John Sillaots defended the police action.

Protesters refused police requests to stand back so the Heritage Front members could be escorted into the courthouse, Sillaots said.

"They were obstructing legal entry into the courthouse.

"They were using placard sticks to hit the horses. They spooked them by stamping their feet and some of them punched horses in the face," he said.

Sillaots said police consider an assault on one of their horses the same as an assault on a police officer and, when that happens, officers have the right to move in and use force.

One protester was spotted with a lead pipe wrapped in black electrical tape in his jacket, he said.

"If we weren't there today, things probably would have been a lot worse. They came prepared for a fight."

Meir Halevi, national director of the Jewish Defence League, watched the scene unfold.

"The police are being used as pawns by the neo-Nazis. They count on police for protection and the police give it. Then the police get agitated and charge into the crowd," he said.

Halevi, who went to "monitor" the rally, said the event was a failure.

"There's got to be a better way of dealing with neo-Nazis," he said.

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COPS CHARGE CROWD AS SUPREMACISTS PELTED WITH ROCKS, EGGS

Anti-Nazi rally erupts

By SHARON LEM

Toronto Sun

Metro Police on horseback and on foot charged into a rowdy anti-Nazi demonstration with billy clubs yesterday, injuring three protesters.

An unidentified Metro policeman was also injured in the melee outside the University Ave. courthouse.

The protest by 300 Anti-Racist Action members deteriorated into a melee after they began throwing rocks and eggs at 30 Heritage Front members and tried to prevent them from entering the courthouse. The Heritage Front and its leader, Wolf-

gang Droege, were charged last February under the Canadian Human Rights Act for communicating racial-hate messages over a phone-in line.

Police tackled, punched, shoved and clubbed ARA demonstrators about the head with their batons after they threw rocks and eggs, witnesses said.

Protester Erin Fletcher, 35, a teacher, was hit by a mounted officer.

"I was just trying to grab the horse's rein because it was trampling the people and a police officer clubbed me with his baton over my head," she cried.

Paul Hollingsworth, 26, said he had his

toe squashed by a horse.

The police without justification rode their horses into the crowd and attacked unarmed people," he said.

Metro Staff-Sgt. Michael Fenwick said police wanted to get the subpoenaed Heritage witnesses inside the courthouse safely.

"People were asked to move and they didn't. The horses moved, so people may have gotten hurt."

Three protesters suffered minor injuries and a 32 Division policeman who dislocated his shoulder was taken to hospital where he remains in stable condition.

After the fracas, some protesters marched to the nearby police headquarters on College St. to complain.

The ARA chanted: "From I.A. to T.O., Racist cops have got to go," and threw more eggs at police.

"The police are over-stepping their boundaries," said Rodney Bobiwash of the Native Canadian Centre after police shoved one of his supporters out of the way to keep him from confronting the group.

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Police charge Toronto protesters

Demonstration turns violent

TORONTO — Police on horseback charged into a crowd of egg-throwing anti-racism protesters yesterday to clear a path for a group of white supremacists heading to a human rights tribunal.

Police toting billy clubs waded into the melee in front of a downtown courthouse and tackled some of the 300 demonstrators after they hurled rocks and eggs at about 30 members of the neo-Nazi Heritage Front.

"The police are overstepping their boundaries," said Rodney Bobiwash of the Native Canadian Centre after police shoved one of his supporters out of the way to keep him from confronting the group.

"They're protecting Nazis over there ... so they can spread their hate."

Minor injuries

One officer separated his shoulder during the fracas, a few protesters received minor injuries and another was taken into custody, police said.

The Heritage Front and its leader, Wolfgang Droege, were charged last February under the Canadian Human Rights Act for communicating racial-hate messages over a phone-in line.

But the hearing adjourned yesterday without making a decision.

The confrontation occurred when protesters, yelling slogans like Smash the Heritage Front, tried to prevent the group's members from entering the court building where they had been summoned by subpoena.



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Anti-racism protesters clash with police outside Osgoode Hall in downtown Toronto yesterday.

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Police barred the anti-racism protesters from the court building to keep them away from front members. Some protesters complained of rough handling by officers and later marched to the nearby Toronto police headquarters.

Demonstrators said they're worried that recent neo-Nazi movements in Europe are gaining steam and spreading.

"It's a growing problem and if you give them an inch they take a mile," said a protester who identified herself only as Val.

The Native Canadian Centre and other human-rights groups have accused the front of using their phone line to spread hate against immigrants, blacks, Natives, Jews, and gays.

But the hearing was adjourned

after less than three hours — thrown off track by the front's lack of legal representation and bogged down in an exchange of accusations between Mr. Droege and the tribunal.

"If they can't even scrape together two pennies to hire a lawyer, you really have to wonder about their effect in society," Bernie Farber, director of the Canadian Jewish Congress, said after the hearing.

The front's disorganization "showed them to be what I always said they were — a rag-tag bunch of bigots and freaks ... with no money and no support in society."

One tribunal member suggested Mr. Droege was manipulating them after he asked for an adjournment, claiming the lawyer who was to represent him at the

hearing backed out at the last minute.

That comment prompted Mr. Droege to accuse the tribunal of prejudice, at which point the tribunal adjourned the hearing to give the front time to arrange for legal counsel.

Ken Ernst, 22, a former university student, appeared as Mr. Droege's representative in court in the absence of his lawyer.

Mr. Ernst unsuccessfully attempted to have the charge dismissed on the basis that the Charter of Rights of Freedoms "protects the right of a minority to express its view" no matter how unpopular.

From Canadian Press

YOU SAID IT!



By DOUG ROBB

What do you think of the rise of neo-fascist groups in Metro?

Asked along Front St.



Ivan Harding
Programmer

"The rise of these groups is a fact of high unemployment. When people are hungry they take their frustrations out on other people."



Danielle Alexander
Secretary

"Everyone is a bit uptight because there's too much anger in Toronto. People should stop hating and love everyone a little bit more."



Steve Lau
Art director

"I don't like these people. The police should keep a constant eye on them, although they don't have the power they seem to have in Germany."



Don Spriggs
Computer analyst

"I'm totally against these groups. It's unbelievable that they exist in Toronto. But education seems to be the key to stopping them."



Stephanie Knott
Student

"I don't really think much of these groups. It does bug me that they're around. I guess if they had better education they wouldn't be like they are."



Gabor Lipcsey
Student

"They're not a major problem in Toronto. But the police should keep focussing their attention on them to get them off the streets."

One laughably backward Front

It was hard to know if Bernie Farber was relieved or disappointed yesterday; I'm not sure he knew himself.

He had just come up against the hard truth about the Heritage Front *et al*, the white supremacists who want the world to believe they are growing like a weed. The truth, as Farber, national director of the Canadian Jewish Congress, was reminded again, is rather different, and frankly, more amusing.

Farber looked around the University Ave. courtroom where a Canadian Human Rights Tribunal was hearing a complaint against the Front.

He saw all the old familiar faces — John Ross Taylor, former leader of the Western Guard, elderly now, hunched over in a back row, his haunted eyes lost in the dark shadows of his face; Max French, former Scarborough mayoralty candidate and longtime white supremacist, and Wolfgang Droege, the Heritage Front boss who's been preaching white power practically since he got out of diapers.

Farber's eyes next shifted to the body of the court, where the Front's band of supporters were seated — a couple of young women, one of whom wore a Nuremberg patch on her coat; a handful of skinheads who appear to believe that the "neo" in neo-Nazi is Latin for "We will not use deodorant"; a young man, apparently of confused loyalties, wearing a Canadiens' jersey and an "SS" tattoo.

Christie BLATCHFORD



Add to this the fact that Droege and his group couldn't muster up the front money to get a lawyer to represent them at the hearing — they settled for a charming young fellow of 22 named Ken Ernst, a would-be chemistry student who has watched just enough *L.A. Law* to acquire a little lawyerly body language, but who, without any of the legal training, was frequently reduced to concluding his arguments by saying, "Oh, never mind" or "Yeah, okay, that's it" — and you have an organization that is growing nothing but moss on its leadership and is probably incapable of running anything more complicated than a hotline.

"Aaah," said Farber, "they're a pimple on the backside of society that has to be lanced." But he didn't put much oomph into it, and no wonder: It is difficult to muster up outrage, let alone angst, against such a bunch of, well, nerds.

Still, the tribunal, its lawyer, the Native Canadian Centre (which launched the complaint), Farber's own

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organization (which is lending the complaint support) and to some considerable degree, the state, have all joined the campaign against the Front's white-power hotline. Just yesterday, Rene Duval, senior counsel for the Canadian Human Rights Commission, dramatically told the tribunal, "This thing must be stopped as early as possible."

This thing must be stopped, I thought?

It strikes me the best way to stop the Front may be to do nothing, to let the Canadian people decide, all by their lonesome, how to handle these boys when they come to town.

It wasn't so long ago, remember, that recruiters from the Ku Klux Klan showed up in Georgetown; they were promptly run out of the place. Perfectly ordinary Ontarians recognized the poison as soon as they saw it. They didn't need Bernie Farber to tell them right from wrong; they didn't need lawyers; they didn't need the muscle of the state.

I put all this to Farber yesterday; he clung to his belief that tribunals, courts and the like "are a legitimate way to deal with these groups. It's better than fighting in the streets."

I'm not so sure. Sometimes, there's nothing quite like a boot to the head to deter a coward.

Listen to Christie Blatchford on CFRB 1010 at 6:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Group defends right to operate 'hate' line

By Michael Tenszen
TORONTO STAR

A white supremacist group's right to "freedom of expression" under Canada's Charter permits it to run telephone messages "no matter how unpopular," the Heritage Front argued at a human rights hearing yesterday.

But Rene Duval, lawyer for the Canadian Human Rights Commission, argued the group has no such right because society has limits on expression when it becomes "hate propaganda."

"I am not disputing that messages are protected (by the Charter of Rights and Freedoms)," Duval allowed. "But I am arguing that there are reasonable limits in a free and democratic society."

Duval said the messages generate hatred toward minority groups and "undermine the dignity" of the people attacked.

He asked the tribunal to grant an interim injunction stopping the messages. "This thing must be stopped as early as possible," he said.

The head of the tribunal, University of Windsor law professor Robert Kerr, said the board would seek legal advice on whether it has authority to

grant such an injunction.

The Heritage Front is charged with violating Canada's Human Rights Act with its taped telephone messages. The recordings discuss the importance of "white rights" and have also made comments on blacks, natives, Jews, immigrants and others.

Canadian natives, backed by the Canadian Jewish Congress and other organizations, want the commission's independent tribunal to pull the plug on what they consider a "hate line." Similar call-in message hotlines have been shut down by rights tribunals in Manitoba and British Columbia.

The hearing, at the court building on University Ave., began after 500 anti-racist demonstrators clashed with police and about 30 Heritage Front members outside.

At the opening of the hearing, the agent for the Heritage Front, Queen's University chemistry student Ken Ernst, asked the tribunal to dismiss the complaint because the Charter clearly defends the "right of a minority to express views no matter how unpopular."

He called the front a "white rights advocacy group" that is "demonized as Nazis."

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DENNIS MAHON: Key figure in White Aryan Resistance movement.

Racist ordered deported to U.S.

By Allan Thompson

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A key figure in the white supremacist movement has been ordered deported to the United States because it was believed he would incite hatred if allowed into Canada.

Dennis Mahon, Number 3 in the White Aryan Resistance movement led by Tom Metzger, was ordered out yesterday after an immigration department inquiry led by adjudicator Robert Murrant.

Mahon, also a former grand wizard of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan in Oklahoma, had been detained at Pearson International Airport Friday on his way into Canada.

At the inquiry, Mahon admitted to being a racist, a key player in the White Aryan Resistance and a proponent of a whites-only republic in the northwestern United States that would expel people of all other races.

Murrant ruled after the four-hour hearing that there was reason to believe Mahon would use his visit to Canada to make speeches inciting hatred.

Under the Criminal Code, anyone who communicates statements other than in private conversation that wilfully promote hatred is guilty of an indictable offence.

Murrant ruled that, based on Mahon's two prior visits to Canada, when he did make speeches attacking blacks and Asians, there was reason to believe he would do the same again.

"Your clear explanations of your point of view clearly illustrate a position that would promote hatred in my opinion," the adjudicator told Mahon.

When he arrived in Canada Friday, Mahon told immigration officers he was coming to Toronto for the weekend to fish and visit friends, and would stay only a few days.

But immigration officers, who knew through an undercover investigation that Mahon was coming, believed he was actually on his way to Vancouver to take part in a rally there.

They also believed Mahon planned on being back in Toronto to demonstrate against a Canadian Human Rights Commission tribunal called to investigate the activities of the white supremacist group Heritage Front.

"We believe his story was made up as a cover story. We believe his plans were to attend, if possible, two racist rallies in Canada," case presenting officer Harold Musetescu told the inquiry.

Musetescu showed a videotape containing clips from news reports, one featuring Mahon in full Klan garb, another lighting a cross on a Klan recruiting trip to Germany, another firing a semi-automatic rifle during paramilitary training for Klan members.

The last 20 minutes of the video showed Mahon's speech to the Heritage Front last February in Toronto.

"You've got some serious Oriental problems," Mahon told his Heritage Front audience in the video. He was greeted by Sieg Heil salutes and cheering.

Mahon told his audience to get rid of government leaders who allowed so many non-whites to enter society. "Once you take care of that problem, your Pakistanis, Bangladeshis and Orientals will be a weekend operation."

When given a chance to summarize his case at the end of the hearing, Mahon said he was only trying to exercise his right to free speech. "I think I'm being prosecuted because I'm not politically correct," he said.

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Supremacist gets marching orders

By SAM PAZZANO
Toronto Sun

An American white supremacist who preaches violence to preserve the white race was ordered deported yesterday.

Dennis Mahon, 42, will be deported "as soon as possible," said ministry spokesman Milt Best. Mahon was in custody last night at Metro West Detention Centre.

Immigration adjudicator Bob Murrant agreed that Mahon, the former Ku Klux Klan grand dragon in Tulsa, Okla., "would commit the offence of espousing racial intolerance."

Mahon, who had no legal representation at the deportation hearing, "is eager to return," said Best. "He only came here to test the law and he wants to leave as soon as possible."

"A decision will be made (today) whether he'll be driven to Buffalo or flown to the U.S.," said Best.

It's believed Mahon wanted to attend yesterday's Human Rights tribunal into the Heritage Front's alleged hate-inciting phone tape.

Immigration officer Jim Graham

showed videotapes of Mahon attending a KKK cross burning during the anti-immigration riots in Germany last year.

Immigration officials arrested Mahon Friday at Pearson Airport. Hate literature was also seized by Canada Customs.

Mahon's twin brother, Daniel, said Dennis is a "leader" of the White Aryan Resistance (WAR) movement.

"Violence is a necessary strategy to preserve the white race's existence," Dennis Mahon told the *Daily Oklahoman* in a 1991 interview.

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MISSISSAUGA, Ont. — A leader of a U.S. white supremacist group was ordered deported after an immigration adjudicator ruled yesterday that he would likely break the law while in Canada.

Dennis Mahon, 42, of Tulsa, Okla., was returned to custody after the hearing and will be deported "on the first available flight," said Immigration Canada spokeswoman Wendy Bontinen.

He was to stay overnight in a Toronto jail before being put on a flight this morning.

Mr. Mahon's brother Daniel has said his twin is a "leader" of the Oklahoma-based White Aryan Resistance group.

Allowed into evidence at the immigration hearing was a video tape of a speech Dennis Mahon gave to the neo-Nazi Heritage Front in Toronto in December of 1991 and similar tapes from Germany and the United States, Ms. Bontinen said.

Protesters blame police for clash

No provocation,
anti-racists say

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BY RUDY PLATIEL
The Globe and Mail

TORONTO — Members of an anti-racism group blamed Metro Toronto Police yesterday for a violent clash that erupted Monday as officers escorted members of the white-supremacist Heritage Front into a Canadian Human Rights Tribunal hearing.

Police said they moved in only after anti-racism demonstrators refused requests to move and began throwing eggs and other objects at police as they tried to escort the Heritage Front members into the University Avenue courthouse.

The Front and its director, Wolfgang Droege, face a complaint over a telephone hot-line message that Rodney Bobiwash of the Native Canadian Centre charges is racist. The tribunal is being asked to issue "a cease-and-desist order."

Kevin Thomas of Anti Racist Action told a news conference yesterday that the 500 demonstrators outside the courthouse were peaceful until police on horseback charged into them swinging batons.

"We weren't expecting that the police would take it upon themselves to attack our demonstration unprovoked," said Mr. Thomas, who was at the demonstration and denied that anything was thrown at police.

He said his group is seeking a review by the Attorney-General of police actions that "suggest complicity with the neo-Nazi Heritage Front." The group also is seeking the dropping of an assault charge and a weapons charge laid against two demonstrators and an independent review of police procedures for crowd control.

Barry Weisleder of the Ontario Public Service Employees Union said: "We are disgusted that police on horseback would trample and beat civilians in order to create a diversion so that neo-Nazis can enter a courthouse in this city."

Asked by reporters why demonstrators had brought eggs with them, Mr. Thomas said they expected that there might be trouble. He said the white supremacists are reportedly taking paramilitary training and have a reputation for violence.

"To look at us and say we threw a few eggs, well, so what?" he asked.

Sergeant Martin Hunt said yesterday that the demonstrators were being harangued by organizers and were in "an excited state" when foot-patrol officers asked them to move back. He said officers on horseback moved in only after demonstrators began throwing eggs, rocks and chunks of ice.

Meanwhile, the hearing is bogged down in procedural motions, including one alleging bias on the part of Fred Wilkes, one of three members of the hearing panel.

Chairman Robert Kerr said the panel will seek its own legal advice on how to proceed with the motion and will hear arguments on the issue tomorrow.

The bias charge arose from comments made by Mr. Wilkes on Monday after Ken Ernst, a university chemistry student who was representing Mr. Droege at the hearing, requested an adjournment, saying he realized he was beyond his capabilities.

Mr. Wilkes said he was concerned about manipulation because the Front had had time to distribute leaflets urging people to turn out for a demonstration. Mr. Droege jumped up and said that Mr. Wilkes's remarks indicated he was biased.



Rodney Bobiwash

Dennis Mahon



By Allan Thompson
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White supremacist Dennis Mahon is to be deported to the United States this afternoon, immigration officials confirm.

"He's leaving in the afternoon and will remain in custody until that time," immigration department spokesperson Wendy Bontinen said.

"He'll be taken to the airport by immigration officials, then turned over to the RCMP, who will give him to the Americans. The cost of his flight and

the arrangements were up to the American airline that brought him here," she said.

Mahon, a key figure in the White Aryan Resistance movement led by Tom Metzger, was ordered out Monday after an immigration department inquiry led by adjudicator Robert Murrant.

Mahon, also a former grand wizard of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan in Oklahoma, was detained at Pearson International Airport Friday on his way into Canada. At the inquiry, Mahon admitted to

being a racist, a key player in the White Aryan Resistance and a proponent of a whites-only republic in the northwestern United States that would expel people of all other races. Murrant ruled after the four-hour hearing that there was reason to believe Mahon would use his visit to Canada to make speeches inciting hatred.

Under the Criminal Code, anyone who communicates statements other than in private conversation that willfully promote hatred is guilty of an indictable offence.

White supremacist being deported today

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Anti-racist court rally was wrong, groups say

By Moira Welsh
TORONTO STAR

Canadian Jewish groups devoted to fighting racism are criticizing the organizers of an anti-racist rally that deteriorated into a clash between police and protesters.

Spokespeople for the League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada and the Canadian Jewish Congress spoke out yesterday against the rally of 500 people whose protest against a neo-Nazi group ended with police rushing into the crowd on horseback and hitting numerous protesters with riding crops.

"Racism opponents should fight their battles in the courtroom and not on the street when there is a potential for violence," said Gerda Frieberg, a Holocaust survivor and CJC spokesperson.

"The Canadian Jewish Congress does not encourage these kind of actions. There is always the potential for violence; it gets out of hand and nothing is resolved," Frieberg said.

The rally, organized by Anti-Racist Action, was held Monday morning behind the University Ave. courthouse in protest against members of the white supremacist Heritage Front group, who were subpoenaed to appear before a Human Rights Commission tribunal.

The hearing was called after Toronto's Native Canadian Centre filed a complaint with the commission against the group's recorded telephone messageline.

Violence erupted when police on horseback formed a line between the two opposing groups while officers escorted about 30 Heritage Front members into the courthouse.

"Some protesters tried to push by the police line while others threw eggs at mounted officers and some punched the horses," police said.

Staff Sergeant John Sillaots said hitting a horse is considered by police to be the same as assaulting an officer and police are allowed to use force to stop people from harming the animals.

"Maybe the hearing would not have made the headlines but we are not looking for headlines. We're looking for results and results are only found in the judicial system," said Frieberg, who attended the hearing.

Karen Mock of B'nai Brith said her members decided not to participate in the rally, although several watched.

"There are those who are jumping on a bandwagon and using this high-profile anti-racist initiative to attempt to create disorder and take the law in their own hands," Mock said.

"It's almost playing directly in-

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to the hands of the far right, who stand back when the crowd gets riled up, behave 'within the law' and then it's the so-called anti-racists who cross the line," she said.

Mock said there are numerous programs and community and school groups that people can get involved in to fight racism.

While Mock said she feels "really concerned" with the way police used their horses on the crowd, both she and Frieberg disagreed with accusations by protesters that police sided with the neo-Nazis by escorting them past the crowd.

"Police were concerned about groups coming out for a scuffle on the streets. Under the law they are required to come in and protect public safety," Mock said.

Susan Eng, chairperson of the Metro Police Services Board, said in a television interview with the CBC that Chief William McCormack will meet board members tomorrow for a full briefing on the situation.

Police were not supporting the Heritage Front and its beliefs, Eng said.

"We're very much on the record against those values and interests, but as a public body we are obliged to ensure safe passage of anybody going into the courtroom. The fact that it turned ugly we have to look at."

But at a news conference yesterday, the Anti-Racist Action and numerous other groups accused police of having pro-Nazi sympathies and denounced the police use of force during the rally.

"We have documented reports of police officers saying, 'Go get 'em, boys,' and punching people in the face, grabbing picket signs and whacking people with them and in particular using horse clubs," said Kevin Thomas of Anti-Racist Action.

Protesters went prepared to defend against threatened violence from the Heritage Front members, not from police, Thomas said.

The group is demanding police drop charges against two protesters arrested, Thomas said.

He also wants a review conducted by the attorney-general's ministry since police actions "suggest complicity" with the Heritage Front and an independent civilian review of police crowd-control procedures.

Bob Kellerman of the Law Union of Ontario said Eng's comment that police were neutral in this situation is a "ridiculous remark."

The hearing to decide whether the front violated human rights laws was adjourned yesterday morning until tomorrow.

Non-violence best in trying to deal with today's Nazis

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ON MONDAY morning my son was a witness to something my father used to talk about and which I thought would never again happen in this city.

My son was with the anti-racism demonstration at the University Ave. Court House when the Heritage Front, a group he calls "neo-Nazis," marched up chanting, "Rights for whites! Rights for whites!"

The group my son was with yelled back at the Heritage Front and tried to keep them from entering the court house.

The police charged with horses and several people were hurt. My son got away without injury.

My father was at Christie Pits in the summer of 1933 when the Jewish boys from College St. took on the swastika gangs from the west end. At its height, the Christie Pits riots involved more than 10,000 people, many of them swinging baseball bats.

My father never said much about his own role but a good friend of his told me that the night after the worst battles in the park, a man shouted something anti-Semitic at my father and my father chased the man down the street with a knife in his hand. Thank God my father didn't catch him.

Now we are seeing outbursts of racial hatred again. And again, they are leading to acts of violence.

The mean times are coming back.

But maybe, just maybe, we have learned a few things.

My first thought is to refuse to respond to these neo-Nazis. If there had been nobody to confront them, would they not have looked ridiculous marching across Nathan Phillips Square?

This would not do for my son. He felt "fear and rage" when he saw these people chanting their awful slogan. They cannot be allowed to think the rest of us tolerate this. They must be met head on.

Then surely the best way is with non-violent tactics. My son agrees. This would indeed be best. But it's hard to keep control when you see displays of open bigotry.

Non-violence has been almost forgotten as a political tactic.

The big, epic movie about the civil rights struggle of the '60s in the United States is about Malcolm X, who preached a kind of racial separatism, not Martin Luther King, who practised non-violent civil disobedience.

It hardly seems to matter that Malcolm X was an orator who did not accomplish very much, while King ended the vicious segregation laws in the south.

It is Malcolm's anger that becomes the subject for the myth-making movie. The message is clear. Extremism is the way to become a hero.

But I am afraid that meeting neo-Nazis with their own tactics, confronting them with verbal or

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physical abuse, only strengthens them. It confirms their fantasy that they are victims rather than persecutors.

Each time they are met with screaming and physical attacks, I am sure they get an emotional charge. It makes them eager to set up the next confrontation.

Maybe the tactics on our side were wrong, my son says. But at least we were there. All those people who deplore the rise of neo-Nazism, where were they on a cold January morning?

More of us are needed. The bigger the numbers, the easier it will be to confront neo-Nazis with non-violent, moral force. If they find themselves facing people who reject everything they stand for but who refuse to give way to hysteria, I think it will be much more effective.

Part of this struggle must be to win public support. If people see only police and violence whenever neo-Nazis appear, it will become hard to tell the good guys from the bad guys.

When you are struggling with neo-Nazis, it is important not to fall into their way of thinking and divide the world into "Us" and "Them."

The '90s are hard times, as bad as the '30s. And as in the '30s, many people are angry and confused. They grasp at simple solutions to their problems.

But who among us these days has not felt anger and confusion? The neo-Nazis go too far but I think many of us have felt the same bitter rage.

So it is not so strange that some people begin to act out in the most radical way imaginable.

If there is not enough to go around, then I'm going to get my share. If I have to push foreigners and weaklings out of my way, so what? They'd do the same to me. Why not let the rage come boiling out?

It has been said that Hitler was the only true "revolutionary" of our century. So why not go back and learn from him?

I do not mean by this that the rest of us should believe we have somehow created the neo-Nazis and, therefore, should feel guilty about them and make accommodations to them.

They have to be stopped. But it will not help to think of them as alien beings who have arrived here from another age or another planet. They are our children, too.

My father thought that after World War II, this kind of vicious racial hatred had been eradicated. Now it is coming back and my son is having to deal with it.

I guess we are never safe. But maybe we can learn.

Stall tactics aid cause: Neo-Nazi

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By JOE WARMINGTON

Toronto Sun

The Heritage Front is deliberately prolonging its Human Rights Commission hearing to gain maximum media coverage, its neo-Nazi leader says. On the first day of the hearing into charges Wolfgang Droege's white supremacist group is spreading racial-hate messages over phone lines, he delayed proceedings by not showing up with a lawyer.

He gained an adjournment until tomorrow on the accusation of the bias of a member of the tribunal. Publicly, Wolfgang Droege, 43, denies it's part

ANTI-HATE PANEL HEARING

Spectator bugs neo-Nazi chief

By SHARON LEM
Toronto Sun

A neo-Nazi leader asked a human rights tribunal to remove a spectator from a University Ave. courtroom yesterday.

Wolfgang Droege, of the white-supremacist Heritage Front, claimed he received a death threat from "an unbalanced nut-bar" at the hearing.

The third day of the tribunal — to hear charges that Droege's white rights group is spreading racist hate messages over phone lines — was spent dealing with submissions about the alleged bias of a panel member.

Droege, a former Ku Klux Klan member, said he was threatened by an "irrational" spectator at the hearing yesterday.

"Is it possible to remove him?" he asked the panel.

Droege said the spectator accused him of "dragging out the hearing."

"He said if I continued this affair for another day — which is costing taxpayers money — 'I

think I should go and kill Wolf,'" Droege told reporters.

A policeman who overheard the threat told the tribunal it was not a criminal act and "the situation is under control."

The panel refused Droege.

Meanwhile, Ken Ernst, who represents the Front, had accused tribunal panel member Fred A. Wilkes of making a biased comment about the group.

The tribunal continues today.

Meanwhile, the Metro Police Services Board has agreed to review police crowd control procedures following a violent melee before Monday's tribunal hearing that left three injured.

Board chairman Susan Eng ordered the review following demands by the Anti-Racist Action (ARA) group.

Chief Bill McCormack said he would provide a complete run-down of police crowd control procedures at the next meeting.

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of a strategy. Privately he admits the slower things move, the more publicity for his neo-Nazi cause. He said the Heritage Front "hate-line" hotline has never been busier than it has been this week. The hearing will hear submissions on

his accusation that panel member Fred A. Wilkes can't fairly adjudicate the case. Meanwhile, several anti-racism groups say Metro Police who attacked demonstrators Monday should be reprimanded. Anti Racist Action spokesman Kevin Thomas has asked for the dismissal of

charges against demonstrators, an attorney general review of police actions and an independent review of police crowd control procedures. Chief Bill McCormack has asked for a report. Several "anti-racists" accused police of protecting the Nazis.

Zundel wants cash, apology

Nazi sympathizer Ernst Zundel wants money and an apology from the Ontario government for "ruining his reputation" and his livelihood.

"I have been wrongly prosecuted, if not to say persecuted, by the representatives and officials of various levels of the government since 1983," Zundel, 53, says in a letter to the Ontario ombudsman.

"I was frequently jailed, paraded around in handcuffs and spat at outside and inside court-rooms," he said.

Appeals

Zundel was prosecuted twice for publications that said the Holocaust was a hoax.

He successfully appealed both convictions.

Last August the Supreme Court of Canada overturned the latest guilty verdict.

Zundel said he was punched and knocked down, his house was bombed, he was nearly set on fire while shackled in a police van, and restricted in his freedom for almost nine years.

Canadian Jewish Congress spokesman Manuel Prutschi called the request "totally misplaced."

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Anti-racists' rant against police promotes hatred

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Hatred: A feeling of intense dislike; enmity.

Those who promote hatred: Goofs.

Should it matter, then, where the hatred is directed? At what individual, group or organization? And is it more palatable when this loathing is cloaked in a mantle of self-righteousness?

Is it okay to hate a specific group and announce your revulsion to the world and slander its members in the process? And should you expect to be treated in a more kindly fashion than a neo-Nazi or a white supremacist or any other troglodyte venturing forth from its cave?

This is not an exercise in pedantic debate. These are questions that arise from a police services board meeting yesterday afternoon, where those who profess to hate hatred did a pretty good job of dishing the dirt themselves.

In one corner, we have the Heritage Front, an odious collection of dimwits who are fond of spewing — whether in person or in taped telephone messages — some of the most grotesque cant imaginable.

The Front's baboons were not actually in attendance at the board meeting, you understand. Its leaders and supporters were otherwise engaged in a University Ave. courtroom, where they are defending their right to say stupid things.

The Front is charged with violating Canada's Human Rights Act after a complaint from Toronto's Native Canadian Centre about the aforementioned telephone recordings. But this appearance before a Human Rights Commission tribunal has also provided the Front with the kind of public exposure that is to die for, one should forgive the expression.

In the other corner is a collection of earnest individuals, mostly young people, known as the Anti-Racism Action group. Its members and supporters were also drawn to the University Ave. courthouse earlier this week, to protest the activities of the Heritage Front and to generally show their contempt for racist sensibilities.

Separating these two groups, but not without much success, was a phalanx of police officers, some of them on horseback. They had been designated to provide safe passage into the courthouse for the Front fatheads — a routine assignment. The Front fomenters had declined the opportunity to duck into the building through a side door.

This was all about making an impression, you see, a great big impression. That's what the Front desired. And that's what the Anti-Racism group was looking for too. Because you don't just reach into your pocket and, gee, pull out an egg like, hey, how did this get here?

As everyone knows by now, a confrontation ensued. It was heated, even scary for those involved. Three protesters and one officer were hurt, according to initial reports. Stuff was thrown. Horses were punched.

The Anti-Racism Action group is blaming the cops for provoking the violence, claiming that the officers verily created the melee by charging into the crowd and swinging their clubs. The protesters were just being peaceful, okay, because that is what they always are, peaceful, even though sometimes — when you're dealing with neo-Nazis and all — you can't really be peaceful, and sometimes you have to be ready for conflict, although you really do, like, hate violence.

So now the enemy is not the Heritage Front. No, wait a sec, the Front is still the enemy, yeah, but nowhere near as provocative an enemy as the cops. That's why the focus of this story switched yesterday from the University Ave. courthouse to the College St. headquarters of the Metro police.

A young man by the name of Kevin Thomas told the police services board that the Anti-Racism group had received instruction over the weekend on how to stage a non-violent protest. He said there were marshals — he was one of them — who were tasked with keeping the demonstration calm. He insisted that it was "never our intention to prevent access (to the courthouse) to any authorized people." He did not explain what he meant by "authorized people."

The Anti-Racism Action group has some demands, naturally. It wants all charges dropped against its members. It wants a review by the attorney-general's office of "complicity" between officers and neo-Nazis. It wants an independent civilian review of police crowd control procedures. Thomas and his cohorts have, in effect, accused the police of aligning themselves with neo-Nazis.

This is ludicrous.

Reviewing crowd control procedure is one thing, especially now that street demonstrations in Toronto are becoming more common and more rowdy. But accusing an entire police force of sucking up to neo-Nazis is contemptible. Frankly, it's hate propaganda.



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Heritage Front phone messages 'extremely dangerous,' prof says

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"Extremely dangerous" Heritage Front phone messages may incite terrorism and expose "target" groups to hatred and contempt, says an authority on racism.

Six recorded messages, aired in 1991 and '92 by the self-described "white rights" Heritage Front "champion discrimination and racism," says Frances Henry, a social anthropology professor at York University.

Henry, an authority on hate propaganda, testified yesterday at a Canadian Human Rights Commission tribunal.

The Heritage Front and its leader, Wolfgang Droege, 43, of Scarborough, are charged by the Canadian Native

Centre on Spadina Ave. with making racist comments against natives on a recorded phone-in line over a nine-month period.

"People who are not white and not European are inferior" is the message the Heritage Front spreads, said Henry.

The front is being defended at the tribunal by university student Ken Ernst, 22.

Ernst this week charged tribunal member Fred Wilkes, a former United Church minister, with prejudice because Wilkes accused the Heritage Front on Monday of "manipulating" the tribunal process to gain media attention. Wilkes resigned from the tribunal yesterday.

Hot lines fuel hate, expert says

Panel member quits hearing

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BY RUDY PLATIEL 93.01.30
The Globe and Mail

TORONTO — The clash between anti-racist demonstrators and Metro Toronto Police on Monday exemplifies the "destabilizing effect" on society that can result from telephone messages such as those of the white-supremacist Heritage Front, a Canadian Human Rights Tribunal panel was told yesterday.

Frances Henry, a York University social anthropologist, was testifying as an expert on hate propaganda at a hearing into a complaint against Heritage Front's hot line.

Dr. Henry said the messages use "simplistic kinds of statements to reinforce potential prejudices" among people who may be troubled by immigration and aboriginal land claims.

Such messages also create a climate of tension and unrest in society, she said.

The clash on Monday between anti-racist protesters and police "is an example of the tension created by those messages," Dr. Henry said.

The complaint against the telephone messages of the Heritage Front and its director, Wolfgang Droege, was brought by Rodney Bo-biwash of the Native Canadian Centre and Bernie Farber of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

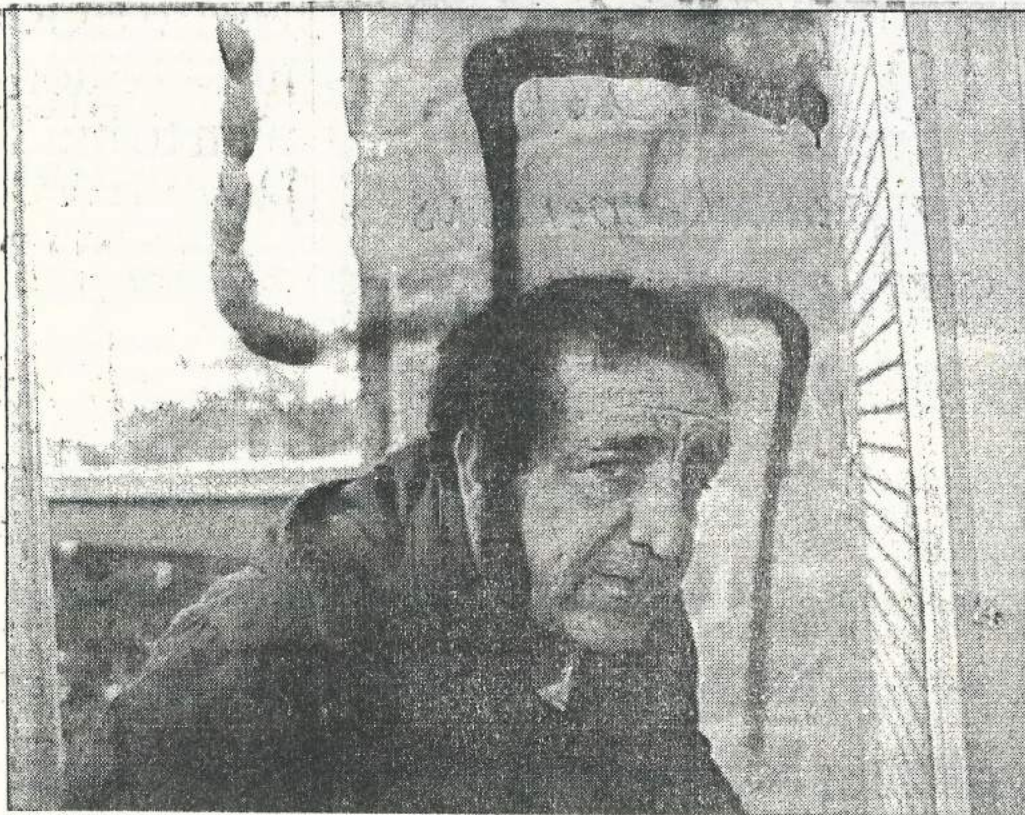
The hearing has been bogged down since Monday over an issue raised by Mr. Droege. He complained that remarks by Fred Wilkes, one of the panel members, gave "an apprehension" of bias.

Yesterday, Mr. Wilkes, a retired clergyman, voluntarily stepped down from the panel after delivering a statement in which he categorically rejected the allegation of bias as "inappropriate and unfounded."

He said he was stepping down because "my participation could provide the basis for ongoing objections by the Heritage Front which would disrupt the work of the tribunal."

Panel chairman Robert Kerr, a university law professor, and lay member Aase Hueglin decided to continue as a two-member panel.

The tribunal adjourned indefinitely yesterday.



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SPRAY-PAINTED HATE: Laval cabbie Simon Medina awoke Wednesday to find swastikas painted on his apartment windows and on the hood of his cab.

Neo-nazi vandals targeted

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MONTREAL (CP) — The Canadian Jewish Congress has expressed outrage at a wave of anti-Semitic vandalism that recently shook Montreal's Jewish community and now is erupting in neighboring Laval.

The organization is angry about incidents Wednesday in which Nazi symbols were spray-painted on a synagogue, a Jewish community centre, four vehicles and two homes in the city north of Montreal.

The vandalism has drawn denunciations from the World Anti-Fascist League's Montreal office and from Lise Bacon, Quebec's vice-premier who represents the area of Laval directly affected.

Bacon said an investigation has been launched "and I'll make sure that it's carried out as quickly as possible."

Similar concern was expressed by Monique Gagnon-Tremblay, Quebec minister of cultural affairs, who declared there is no room in Quebec for intolerance, and by Laval Mayor Gilles Villancourt.

Michael Crelinsten, executive director of the Quebec region for the Canadian Jewish Congress, said meetings are planned over the Laval spray-painting which occurred almost four weeks after seven Montreal-area synagogues were defaced with swastikas and Nazi slogans.

On January 25 Wolfgang Droege, leader of the white supremacist Heritage Front (HF), was ordered to appear before a Human Rights tribunal to answer charges of hate propaganda. The charges, brought against the HF by Rodney Bobiwash and the Native Canadian Centre, focused on a 976 'hate line' expressing the Heritage Front's racist, sexist and homophobic 'political' perspective. On previous occasions, white supremacists have appeared at court proceedings with a militant entourage. In this case, the HF planned a public march across Nathan Phillips Square with a core of supporters, hoping to accompany Droege and his lawyer into the courtroom.

Anti-Racist Action (ARA), a Toronto coalition dedicated to counter fascist activity, arranged a rally intended to reduce the intimidation potential posed by organized HF supporters. ARA, formed in September of 1992, is composed of members from the full range of the social and political spectrum. Along with demonstrations, ARA's tactics include informing high school and public school students about white supremacist recruiting. ARA has not shied away from exposing perceived police discrimination.

ARA, as well as numerous similar groups, recognizes the rise of worldwide neo-nazi activity, particularly in Germany, as a very real concern. The Heritage Front is considered by other 'Aryan' groups as the vanguard of the Canadian neo-nazi movement. They are reported to have links to both the paramilitary Church of the Creator (COTC) and the Ku Klux Klan.

WHAT HAPPENED

The ARA protesters gathered outside Queen's Park in the bitter cold at 8:45 am on January 25. The crowd swelled to over 500 people as ARA marshals described the route over a megaphone and attempted to distribute lawyer's numbers in case of arrest. The group linked arms in ranks of 15 to 20 and proceeded south down University Avenue. Protesters carried signs with anti-racist slogans and chanted "The Heritage Front is a nazi front". A small police presence maintained a watchful eye, blocking intersections as the rally approached the courthouse.

White supremacists, over the prior weekend, had made statements that a "racial holy war" had begun. ARA spotters on bicycles brought back reports that only a handful of HF sympathizers were gathered around Droege in a lonely corner on the east side of Nathan Phillips Square.

The ARA marched filed through the west access to the square at 9:30 am and stopped in ranks at the approach to the courthouse steps. Within 30 minutes, spotters informed the anti-racists that approximately 50 HF members were crossing the square, escorted by the police. They were playing 'Dixie' on a tape recorder, chanting white power slogans and carrying a banner. Nine mounted riot police moved into position nose to nose with the front line of the ARA. A cordon of foot officers secured the stairway to the courthouse. No attempt was made by the protesters to block that access. Chanting rose to a crescendo as the HF came into view.

Droege was apparently unable to secure a lawyer willing to support him in a potentially volatile situation. He was forced to settle for Ken Ernst, a 22 year old Queen's University student who volunteered despite lacking formal legal training.

Without warning, a single mounted officer began edging his horse into the ranks of the ARA marchers. The anti-racists began to shout and stamp their feet as the mounted officers seemed prepared to charge. Standing in the front row, I attempted to yell at the mounted officer whose horse was breathing directly into my face. I asked him to move back, explaining that nothing was going to happen. Almost immediately I was swept aside as the mounted cops stormed

HATE, LIES AND PUBLIC DEMONSTRATION

When Anti-Racist Action planned a rally against Droege's Heritage Front, the last confrontation they expected was with Toronto's finest...



BY M. THURGOOD

into the crowd. As the HF filed by to my left, the momentum of the police charge drove the split ranks of the front line demonstrators towards the HF's police escort. Behind me, mounted police officers beat protesters with heavy riding crops. Wedged in between horses and foot officers, I was grabbed by a grinning policeman who, calling me an "asshole", punched me repeatedly in the face while another jabbed me in the ribs. Beside me, my companion discovered his foot had been crushed by a rearing horse. The HF members mounted the stairs unhindered except by a smattering of eggs and snowballs; their presence merely a sideshow to the police violence I witnessed.

Within about ten minutes, the police returned to their positions and the ARA reformed, while designation first aid people to assist the injured. The media swarmed around the protesters as their chanting focused on the police - "Shame, shame, shame", "Blue by day, white by night."

As the horse cops trotted in retreat across the square, the ARA cheered and moved out in front of city hall. Leery of the regrouping mounted police, the rally headed across Queen Street and up Yonge Street to police headquarters on College. As the impromptu march headed peacefully up Yonge, an ARA supporter rushed up asking for volunteers to return to Nathan Phillips Square to protect the injured and first aid people left behind by the rest of the rally.

At police headquarters, demonstrators voiced their disapproval of the police action punctuated with a few tossed eggs. At Queen's Park, the rally dispersed quickly.

As a large splinter group moved west along College, with the media still in tow, police cruisers drew up and officers arrested a man. As others protested, another man spat and was immediately arrested for assault. While an angry crowd began to encircle the cruisers, the police ceased their 'buffet sampling' operation and allowed the rest of the anti-racists to continue unharrassed.

THE FALLOUT

The initial media response was positive. The Toronto Star ran an objective first-hand account in their evening edition. A later radio report described the mounted police "side-stepping" their horses into the crowd after they refused an order to move back. As I was in the front line, I can reliably state that no such request was issued; nor were there any officers equipped with public address systems. TV news stories told of rocks being thrown and jumbled video chronology attempted to implicate demonstrators' provocation of the police reaction. Focus was placed on an officer with a dislocated shoulder though only much later was it disclosed that his shoulder had been dislocated prior to the rally.

On the 26th, the ARA held a press conference calling for the dropping of all charges stemming from the rally and correcting any perceived media inaccuracies. On the 28th, they met with Susan Eng's Police Services Board but their request for a full inquiry into the event was refused. However, the board publicly committed to a review of police crowd control procedures - current procedures state only that the public has the right to assemble peacefully (although it is up to the discretion of the officers to define 'peaceful').

The ARA counter-rally stole the limelight from the Heritage Front as well as proving public support for anti-racist action. The action exposed again the problem of possible police biases if not the question of outright tacit complicity. It forced continued dialogue about police crowd control measures in the face of rising street activity. Most positively the high cost, both politically and economically, of policing continuing anti-racist counter demonstrations may force the police to refuse the Heritage Front their 'right' to street marchers. Most negatively, a lot of outrage people are sitting around nursing bruises and wondering why they were assaulted for doing what they knew was right.

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Police board won't probe rally melee

No authority to hear complaint, lawyer says

By Andrew Duffy
TORONTO STAR

Metro's police services board has refused to probe allegations of police brutality at an anti-racism rally, saying they are outside its authority.

The decision infuriated a delegation of Anti-Racist Action members yesterday, who accuse police of an unprovoked attack on their demonstration Monday outside the University Ave. courthouse.

Human rights panelist quits over bias charge

By Michael Tenszen
TORONTO STAR

A member of a human rights tribunal resigned today over allegations by a white supremacist group that he is biased.

Fred Wilkes, a former clergyman, told the hearing he still does not think he said anything that showed prejudice.

After a short adjournment this morning, the other two members of the tribunal decided to continue the hearing without Wilkes.

The Heritage Front is charged with violating the Canadian Human Rights Act.

The group operates a recorded telephone hotline several groups view as a "hateline" that attacks natives, Jews, blacks, immigrants and others.

Heritage Front representatives called for Wilkes' resignation after he told the hearing Monday he was concerned the tribunal was being "manipulated" by the group to gain publicity.

Before resigning, Wilkes rejected the Heritage Front's allegations.

But, he said, he was stepping down so the tribunal plagued by delays caused by the group, could move on more quickly.

Wilkes, one of three panelists hearing the case, said his resignation is not a capitulation to any demands by the Heritage Front.

Yesterday, a group member demanded a man be expelled from the hearing because he had uttered a death threat outside the court room. The man was allowed to stay after a police officer told the tribunal he didn't anticipate any trouble.

"We're disappointed they (board members) weren't willing to discuss specifics of the action," said spokesperson Kevin Thomas.

"You can't simply discuss crowd control procedures unless you look at how they're practised on the streets."

The group refused an invitation to meet with police Chief William McCormack to discuss their complaints.

The delegation appeared before the board yesterday, they said, to "hold the police accountable" for the violence, which erupted when officers escorted members of a white supremacist group into the courthouse.

But the police board's lawyer, Albert Cohen, said it could not hear evidence about specific allegations of police violence. Public complaints commissioner Clare Lewis or a criminal court are the only two bodies that can consider evidence, he said.

Instead, board chairperson Susan Eng told the activists they had to restrict their deputation to general comments about how police handle large demonstrations.

Thomas, however, said it's impossible to talk about policing in the abstract, without tying the discussion to specific events. He called for an independent civilian review of police crowd control procedures.

McCormack offered to meet with Thomas and his delegation but his offer was rebuffed.

The rally was held to counter actions of the white supremacist Heritage Front group, which was subpoenaed to appear before a Canadian Human Rights Commission tribunal.

The hearing was called to consider a complaint from the Native Canadian Centre about the Front's recorded telephone message line, which it called a "hate line."



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NO PROBE: Chief William McCormack and Metro police board chairperson Susan Eng confer yesterday.

The board refused to investigate allegations of police brutality at a courthouse demonstration.

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Heritage Front set for court hearing

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By Michael Tenzsen
TORONTO STAR

The Heritage Front has violated a 1992 court order prohibiting it from running certain messages on a phone hotline, the Canadian Human Rights Commission told the Federal Court yesterday.

The commission, which yesterday won a Feb. 23 court hearing on its complaint, alleges that the white supremacist group broadcast two messages in January that contravened a September, 1992, Federal Court injunction.

According to commission affidavits filed in Federal Court yesterday in Ottawa, two recent messages are anti-Semitic. The complaint was brought by the Canadian Jewish Congress last week.

"The messages are definitely anti-Semitic," David Satok, congress spokesperson, said yesterday.

One message calls Charlie Chaplin a "despised" man and "little traitor." Chaplin was also a Communist, the Heritage Front says, and claims his real name was Israel Thornstein.

In a Jan. 11 letter to the commission, congress official Bernie Farber said: "There can be

no doubt that the name Israel Thornstein is of Jewish origin. Further, there can be no doubt that the Heritage Front leaves the ugly suggestion that it was Mr. Chaplin's 'Jewishness' which led to his communism and sexual perversion."

The other message is a tirade against Preston Manning, the Reform Party leader. It says Manning is "kowtowing" to Jews.

Satok said Chaplin's name wasn't Thornstein, "so they (the front) can't even get their facts right." The genius comedy actor, whose real name was Chaplin, was born in London in 1889 and died in 1977.

At the hearing, Heritage Front director Wolfgang Droege "must show cause why he should not be found in contempt of a Federal Court order," commission official Charles Mojsej said yesterday.

Droege said yesterday he'll gladly appear.

"The messages are not anti-Semitic," he said. "This is only a desperate measure of the Jewish congress to do anything they can to shut it (the hotline) up and cut that line."

The commission won the injunction against the group in August, 1992.

HOTLINE SPARKS RIGHTS PANEL PROBE

Dial-a-Klan hits flak

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By BILL DUNPHY
Toronto Sun



KEVIN LEW
Hotline operator

Another racist phoneline in Toronto is being investigated by the Canadian Human Rights Commission.

The National Knights Network, a taped telephone hotline started up by a small Toronto Ku Klux Klan cell last August, is the subject of three complaints.

The hotline is operated by Kevin Lew, the self-styled Grand Wizard of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

He's an unemployed 27-year-old living in a Scarboro public housing project.

David Satok, of the Canadian Jewish Congress — one of the complainants — said the Klan hotline promotes hatred, against blacks, Jews and other minorities "and we're not going to stand for this kind of thing."

As an example of the kind of messages that concerned the CJC, Satok pointed to a Nov. 18 message that labelled Malcolm X a black racist "who knew what the Jews were up to."

Other complaints were filed by Toronto Councillor Kyle Rae and the Urban Alliance on Race Relations.

A commission tribunal into the hotline of the racist Heritage Front began last week and is expected to resume early next month.

Martin Theriault of the Canadian Centre on Racism and Prejudice, characterized Lew's Klan group as a "small Klan group that must be taken seriously because of its interest in weapons and its threats."

"On a regular basis they try to raise the tension level in Toronto as much as they can, Theriault said."

Droege now faces contempt citation

Heritage Front leader Wolfgang Droege is being hauled into court again — to face contempt charges.

Droege, whose Heritage Front telephone hotline is under investigation on charges of spreading hatred, could go to jail.

Droege had been restrained by a court-ordered injunction limiting the content of his hotline's daily messages. The injunction is in force while a Canadian Human Rights Commission tribunal decides if he has violated human rights laws.

Yesterday the commission con-

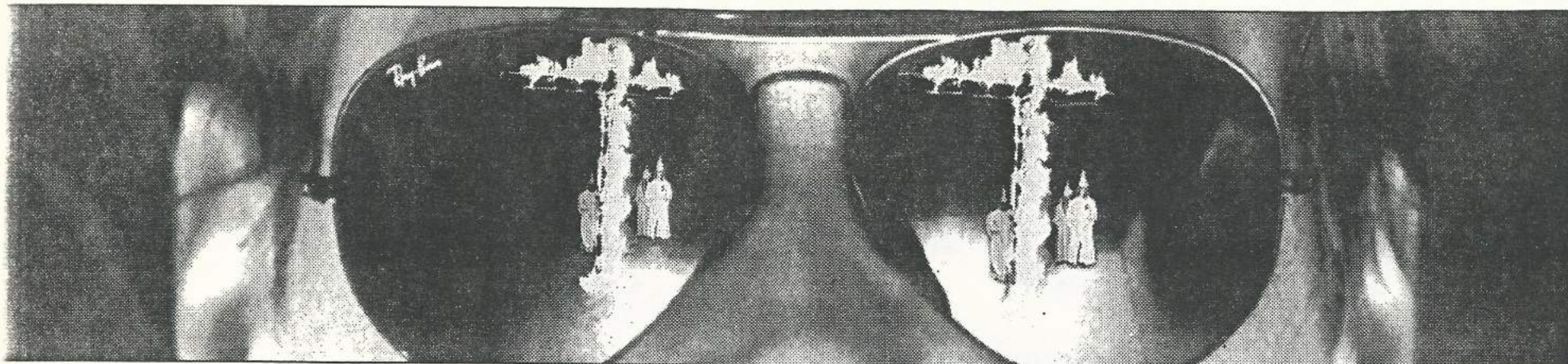
vinced a federal court judge in Ottawa that Droege should be brought before the court Feb. 23 in a "show cause" hearing to face allegations his hotline has violated the injunction.

The commission declined to comment on the matter, but the Sun has learned the case centres on two messages run by the hotline in January.

Bernie Farber, a spokesman for the Canadian Jewish Congress, confirmed his organization had complained about two messages felt to be in violation of the injunction.

Droege denied his hotline had violated the court injunction.

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Will media game pay off for Canada's racist right? 930206

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meeting room at the Century Plaza Hotel, fighting their way past the 3,000 anti-racist protesters outside.

Equally true, they were rushed out a back door by panicky hotel staff before a single white-power video could be screened.

But the demonstrators — and the phalanx of reporters present — had provided Mr. McAleer's fledgling Liberty Net group what it wanted most — a massive binge of na-

tional publicity.

"That mess was our debut," Mr. McAleer shrugged. "But that's okay so long as people know you're out there. Bad publicity concerns me — but it is better than no publicity."

Mr. McAleer's outlook is shared by a host of ultraright groups across Canada that promote "racial separation" or white power. With television images of jackbooted Ger-

man skinheads stirring memories of the Third Reich, fears about Canadian neo-Nazi activities are growing.

In reality, many long-time anti-fascist activists and other observers of the scene say the extreme right does not appear to be growing much in strength or numbers. What has changed is its composition and its flair for publicity.

White supremacists are attracting

younger recruits and more women than ever before. Those who monitor the movement say a higher proportion are well-educated.

Recruitment drives specifically target students. In Ontario and British Columbia, ultrarightists have caused outrage by distributing pamphlets at high schools and stuffing introduction cards into library books.

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Racist right seeks payoff from the publicity game

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Moreover, the movement has increasingly recognized that a respectable image and euphemistic language are more palatable than intimidation and sloganeering. Blatant anti-Semitism is less frequent, although still present. Street theatre and other events staged with the expectation of media coverage are more common.

"They are learning the ropes," said Nic Pouliot, vice-president of the Montreal-based World Anti-Fascist League. "Somebody out there is helping them. They have telephone hot lines, post office boxes, electronic mail services and texts on computer disk.

"They have also made their message more appealing. They don't say 'Let's kick everybody out' any more. Now they say whites have historically been discriminated against — and then they twist it in a way that comes out as white supremacy."

Or as Geoff Ross, a former skinhead and a member of Toronto's Heritage Front, put it: "You can't go out and burn crosses and expect people to change. They think you are on the loony fringe."

With confrontations like the one at the Century Plaza becoming more frequent, questions are being raised about the size of the ultraright threat — and the tactics necessary to fight it.

"I'm not convinced we are in a crisis situation," said Bernie Farber, who has been monitoring the extreme right for the past 10 years for the Canadian Jewish Congress.

"Some people like to compare this to Germany in 1933. I don't buy that. I see this as a ragtag bunch of bums and losers. . . . It is not the same scene as in Eastern Europe or the U.S. — it's not even close. This is like a pimple on the backside of humanity."

But that view is far from unanimous. "I'm really worried," said Warren Kinsella, an author and member of Liberal Leader Jean Chrétien's staff who has researched the ultraright for several years. "I think the situation is going to get a lot worse."



Anti-racist activists prepare to confront the ultraright Heritage Front outside a hearing in Toronto.

(ROGER HALLETT/The Globe and Mail)

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ACCORDING to one B.C. ultrarightist, behind the Century Plaza confrontation on Jan. 22 was a simple but effective propaganda scam.

Supposedly, the evening's speaker was to have been Tom Metzger — the poisonously racist leader of a U.S. group called White Aryan Resistance. Of course, having been jailed and deported from Canada before, Mr. Metzger was likely to be intercepted by immigration authorities before he could reach the meeting.

Indeed, the U.S. neo-Nazi did not show up. And hours later, Liberty Net's telephone hot line was playing a cloak-and-dagger message in which he said that he had stayed hidden in a Vancouver safe house.

In fact, said well-connected ultrarightist Jud Cyllorn, Mr. Metzger had never left his home in California. "He wasn't there at all," Mr. Cyllorn chuckled.

Mr. McAleer disputed Mr. Cyllorn's account. He said he saw Mr. Metzger in Vancouver, although he added: "Look — even if he wasn't here I couldn't tell you that anyway."

Whatever the truth, it was a classic example of shoestring organizing. "By the time all is said and done, that whole event cost about \$100," boasted Mr. McAleer, an unemployed pest exterminator. "It was \$100 well spent, I'd say."

Liberty Net has lofty ambitions: computer networks, teleconferencing, telephone soliciting. "Why wait for people to phone us on our hot line when we can phone them?" Mr. McAleer asked.

He said he is considering meetings to show videotapes of star speakers, who would field questions by telephone. "I'd say 1992 was the year we were on the defensive. This year, I have decided to go on the offensive."

Similar sentiments are expressed by other long-time ultrarightists. Heritage Front founder Wolfgang Droege, a former Ku Klux Klan member who once plotted to take over a Caribbean island, has traded in his sheets for a suit and a placating manner. "If you want to get ahead in life, you have to conform just a little," he said.

Ernst Zundel, who operates the world's largest supplier of Holocaust-denial literature in Toronto, added: "You have the choice of being a rebel — a comet that burns its tail within a very short time — or you can play by the existing order and do things in a strategic way."

ALTHOUGH there is more overt violence from the extreme right in the United States, there have been several serious incidents involving white-supremacist or anti-Semitic activity in Canada:

- A Cree was shot in the head and killed in 1991 by Carney Nerland, head of the Aryan Nations group in Saskatchewan. Mr. Nerland was sentenced to four years for manslaughter.
- A gay man was beaten to death in Montreal in December by a group of skinheads, one of whom was carrying neo-Nazi literature.
- A retired journalist in Edmonton, Keith Rutherford, was blinded in one eye in 1990 by two skinheads in revenge for a story he broadcast 30 years earlier. The story concerned a suspected Nazi war criminal, who committed suicide after the broadcast.
- Neo-Nazis brandishing guns have been spotted at a couple of the half-dozen weekend meetings held by the ultraright in recent years. However, none have been used to inflict injuries.
- Synagogues across the country have been desecrated. Most notably, seven were spray-painted simultaneously in Montreal a few weeks ago. And according to B'nai Brith Canada, anti-Semitic incidents have climbed steadily, reaching 251 in 1991. Most involved harassment, and 61 took place during a three-week period of the Persian Gulf war.

Arrests are rare, making it difficult to conclude whether the perpetrators are organized extreme rightists, hopped-up punks, or those opposed to Israel's role in the Middle East.

But reporters, cameramen and police — not to mention anti-racist demonstrators — frequently outnumber the participants at white-supremacist meetings.

Inspector David Randhawa of the Vancouver Police Department says he is more worried that anti-racist alarmism will make people afraid to go out on the street than he is about ultraright activity.

"I think the level of fear is really important," he said.

"You have to be able to walk around your own city."

"There may be a perceived problem here in Vancouver, but there is certainly not a problem. The level of fear is magnified 60, 70 or 80 per cent."

"I sometimes challenge these people who talk about racism in our city to give me examples. They have no examples. And I speak as a policeman who has been around 21 years, and of a visible minority group myself." (His roots are in India.)

Some ultrarightists concur. "There is no more political action now on the white-supremacist scene than there ever was," Mr. Zundel says. "On the contrary, they [the ultraright] ought to be doing better now. Given the windfall they got from the economy, they have been unable to translate it into real, meaningful political organization."

Mr. McAleer, the Vancouver white supremacist, said there are "from a few hundred to a thousand activists" in Canada. But Mr. Kinsella, the author, estimates there are considerably more — between 2,000 and 2,500 "hard-core neo-Nazis."

In any case, he says, police are making a mistake if they think a small group cannot be just as dangerous as a large one.

"The cops are really not pursuing this as much as they should because of the enormity of the problem and their lack of familiarity with it," he said. "The police are profoundly uncomfortable — they always thought it was just boys out having fun."

DAVID Lethbridge, who founded an anti-racism coalition in Salmon Arm, B.C., nine months ago, said Mr. Farber of the CJC was underestimating the problem.

"I know he is wrong," he said. "The facts don't bear out what he is saying. A lot of people think this is just a fringe thing, but there are thousands of these people in this country. And that is just their hard core. Their soft-core following is much larger."

"Most of their membership lists are secret. You can only tell from intelligence that comes in, and I don't think Bernie Farber has the connections he needs."

Such assessments of surging neo-Nazi strength are causing some concern. Mr. Pouliot said the anti-racist cause is harmed when the opponent's strength is exaggerated.

He cited an assertion circulating last week to the effect that there were 5,000 active ultrarightists in Canada. "That is absolutely ridiculous. When we talk about core members, we are talking about very low numbers."

Since some anti-racism groups get grants from federal and provincial government, there is a temptation to inflate the problem, he said.

"Some groups are using racism to advance their own political agenda. Some of them are extremely violent, turning up at demonstrations with masks on their faces and throwing eggs and rocks. We tried that ourselves four or five years ago, but we were creating more violence than we were stopping." Part 3

The ultraright in Canada comprises an alphabet soup of organizations: conspiracy theorists who believe Jews have

taken over the world, survivalists, deniers of the Holocaust, white supremacists. Many believe the global political and economic order is about to break down, leaving the spoils for those poised to fill the void.

Such groups have always existed. Prior to the proliferation of hate laws and human-rights commissions, they simply spread their theories or their venom rather quietly and invisibly.

A series of highly publicized prosecutions — such as those of Mr. Zundel and James Keegstra — have helped change that. The legal challenges have also enabled far-rightists to cast themselves as proponents of free speech.

They also have international connections. Canada has become a popular stop on the lecture circuit for people like Mr. Metzger and British neo-Nazi David Irving.

The term "groups" can be a misnomer. Cells of the Ku Klux Klan in Nova Scotia, while vocal, are embryonic.

Southern Quebec is home to tiny KKK cells and a few dozen pugnacious, unaligned skinheads. "I'm not of the opinion that we're seeing significant growth in these groups in Quebec," said the CJC's Jack Jedwab. "The degree of organization is very limited."

Outside Quebec, the skinhead factor appears to be overrated. Skinheads drift in and out. If their commitment to the movement lasts, they tend to grow their hair and go straight.

In Ontario, co-operation among several sects has produced the Heritage Front — Canada's first real ultraright alliance. It publishes a monthly newsmagazine and is raising money to buy a building.

Its members say multiculturalism and immigration from Third World countries were foisted on Canadians, and believe affirmative-action programs discriminate against whites. They advocate setting aside large tracts of land for whites only.

THE Church of the Creator, a new group that advocates violence and lauds Adolf Hitler, has gained a small foothold in Ontario. Mr. Farber calls it "potentially the most dangerous racist group in North America." Its Canadian leader fronts a skinhead band, RaHoWa — short for Racial Holy War.

White-supremacist activity in Manitoba and Saskatchewan is sporadic. The main figure in Alberta — tough-talking Aryan Nations leader Terry Long — has been in hiding since the provincial human-rights commission subpoenaed his membership lists nearly two years ago.

Christian fundamentalists and anti-immigration groups dominate the scene in British Columbia, where Liberty Net hopes to merge several factions.

A handful of individuals have also achieved notoriety across the country, such as teachers Malcolm Ross in New Brunswick and Mr. Keegstra in Alberta. Other individuals such as Ontario's John Ross Taylor, Paul Fromm and Ron Andrews have laboured for many years — without notable success — to spread their gospel of racial separation.

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Vancouver white supremacist Tony McAlister held the first meeting of Liberty Net last month.
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When anti-racists meet anti-Semites: the fierce battles of Salmon Arm

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Salmon Arm, B.C.

GIANT snowflakes fell silently into Shuswap Lake outside Eileen Pressler's picture window as a taped voice filled her living room.

"Why the hell don't you get out of town with your ——— bigotry, you Nazi bastards," the voice snarled.

More voices delivered similar sentiments. Finally, Mrs. Pressler abruptly shut off the tape of telephone messages and announced: "That's all I can stand."

Hatred runs both ways in this pretty Okanagan town of 10,000, where a battle has been raging between anti-Semites and anti-racists for nearly a year.

The main protagonists are David Lethbridge, a leftist psychology professor at the local campus of Okanagan University-College, and Mrs. Pressler, who has lived in Salmon Arm for 20 years and runs a drug-store with her husband, Klaus.

In 1985 the Presslers founded the Council on Public Affairs, which has a handful of members in Salmon Arm but publishes a newsletter which it says is read by about 12,000 people. It is obsessed with Zionist influence, the monetary system and world power elites.

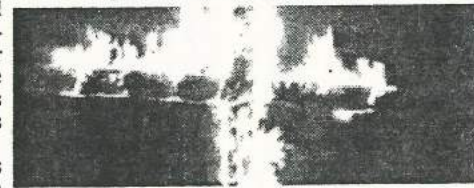
"Everything we do is done from the point of view of Christian scripture," Mrs. Pressler maintained. "For example, we don't support sodomy. How could anybody in their right mind? Well, there are people who do! Satanists and Jews."

Much of her conversation is like that — laced with fervent anti-Semitic asides. The Talmud, the Jewish holy scripture, nestles on her book shelves — next to Adolf Hitler's biography and a book called Hitler's War.

For years her group operated openly and without much objection. Mrs. Pressler even sold anti-

Zionist tracts in the greeting-card shop she and her husband formerly owned.

That changed when the Montreal-born Mr. Lethbridge arrived in town. He was disgusted to find that Salmon Arm was a way station for far-right fixtures such as James Keegstra, David Irving and Ernst Zundel — who visit the Presslers periodically and speak at CPA fo-



rums. He also learned that the Presslers run an annual "leadership conference" at which prominent anti-Semites and white supremacists are honoured.

Mr. Lethbridge decided to try to kick Salmon Arm out of its complacency — and the Presslers out of town.

Last spring, he assembled about 150 people — mostly students from the college — to taunt five people attending a meeting of the council in a community centre. Then they spotted Mr. Pressler and his son filming them from a nearby car.

The videotape shows a pack of demonstrators converging on the car, led by Mr. Lethbridge. Yelling, they pounded the vehicle, whacked it with placards and rocked it. At one point, Mr. Lethbridge and a student yanked down their pants and "mooned" the car.

Mr. Lethbridge says Mrs. Pressler's son drove the vehicle at high speed toward some of the students, although on the tape the car moves slowly through the crowd and eventually drives away.

Sheepishly, Mr. Lethbridge admits that while the demonstration didn't particularly faze the townspeople, the mooning did. "I got a huge amount of flak."

Shortly afterward, a boycott was organized against the Pressler pharmacy. Mr. Lethbridge spent several weeks researching the far right, founded the Salmon Arm Coalition Against Racism and began to contact the media.

"I guess we are now considered — and it alarms me a bit — to be experts," he said. "I do a lot of public speaking and try to educate the public. I get about eight radio stations a day phoning me for interviews."

Mr. Lethbridge recalled the day the words "child molester" and "sodomist" were painted in huge letters on the road outside the simple home he rents, surrounded by an apple orchard.

The Presslers, a few hundred yards away, say they have found signs reading "Nazi pig" on their driveway and have received letters warning: "We're watching you."

Mrs. Pressler says she won't leave town and won't be silenced. "No one is going to drive us out of here. How much credibility does a man have who drops his pants in public, anyway?"

Her opponents have given Mrs. Pressler more publicity than she was ever able to drum up in the past. But Mr. Lethbridge says the type of campaign he is mounting is the most effective way to combat anti-Semitism. "What has an effect is when the family breadwinner goes down the tubes. My objective is simply to have the council disband and its members leave town."

Armed with a \$3,000 grant from the federal Multiculturalism Ministry, he and other anti-racists plan to hold a workshop next month to help organize similar groups in other B.C. towns.

"Publicity helps enlighten people," he said. "I mean, I've got a PhD and I didn't know anything about this until nine months ago."

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COVER STORY

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Scenes from the far right

*Students, jobless,
and the obsessed
adopt racist creed*

BY KIRK MAKIN
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Montreal

DON'T call my house. My mother is mad enough already about all this." Brent Tremblay admitted ruefully that his white-supremacist views don't get much respect at the family dinner table.

"Meet me at the local bar," the 16-year-old leader of the youth wing of Montreal's Ku Klux Klan continued. "You won't have any trouble picking me out. I'm addicted to video games and Coke."

Sure enough, there he was — fingers flying, braces gleaming on his teeth, stopping frequently to feed his craving with lusty draughts from a family-size bottle.

After pumping a couple more quarters into the game, Brent led the way through the Montreal suburb of Laval, along dark side streets to a nondescript building. Inside a tidy apartment, a stereo played Pink Floyd. A sad-looking stuffed dog gazed down from a shelf of knick-knacks.

This was the home of Thomas Kane, 22-year-old Grand Dragon of one of Montreal's three rival Ku Klux Klan chapters.

A year ago, Mr. Kane applied to Klan headquarters in the United States for a title and a set of white robes. Being reasonably intelligent and a staunch advocate of white power, he easily met their standards.

"They don't want stupid, loose cannons," he said.

"They want people who know what they are talking about."

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Hotlines to 'homelands:' a trip through the far right

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What they are talking about is an updated version of the ultra-right, white-supremacist message Klansmen have been preaching for more than a century — a white North America with no welfare, no Third World immigration, no special privileges for minorities.

They are part of a new generation of white-supremacists, neo-Nazis and anti-Semites in Canada for whom the Second World War and the passions it inspired are ancient history. "We don't think only about race," Mr. Kane said. "We also think about things like pollution and the economy."

The Klan, the Church of the Creator, the Heritage Front — all include a strong cadre of young, committed and often articulate activists. Despite the monolithic image often projected, their priorities and strategies vary.

But observers of the ultraright scene say that what is bringing in recruits these days is a feeling that the combination of high unemployment and affirmative action programs have deprived whites of rights or status.

Mr. Kane, a strapping man with a latticework of tattoos from wrist to shoulder, said he is actually a reformed skinhead who is "not for violence at all." He acknowledged, however, that white-power advocates in Montreal are disorganized, and that many are skinheads who can abruptly turn violent. "Too many people want to start their own movement. They are badly led, and egos get involved."

Mr. Kane's is one of three Klan factions in the Montreal area that spend most of their time feuding. They distribute several thousand leaflets and business cards ("Join the KKK and feel the magic of Klankraft!") each month at schools, street corners and skinhead bars.

They refused to discuss the size of the group. Nic Pouliot, vice-president of the Montreal-based World Anti-Fascist League, estimates there are only 30 Klansmen in Montreal altogether.

"It's not the amount of members, but the quality of members," Brent said reprovingly. "We're a small group," Mr. Kane added, "but big enough to do something. We hope to have rallies to unite people with the same ideals. Maybe in the summertime, when the weather is better."

On an average day, Mr. Kane makes a few phone calls to organize meetings and combs the media for race-related articles or broadcasts. Several times a year, he helps organize a "cross-lighting" in some rural field.

For Brent, a typical day is rather different: "I come home from school and do my homework. Then I phone Thomas. By 10 p.m., I am on the phone constantly. Organizing."

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Wolfgang Droege founded the Heritage Front, a Toronto-based ultraright group. Elisse Deschner, 18, says she experimented with other political philosophies; now she is one of the front's most vocal members.

(NEIL GRAHAM/The Globe and Mail)

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Of all those who inhabit the ultraright's political pond, Rick Fraser would probably scare the average Canadian the most.

A 22-year-old father of two, he is security chief of The Church of the Creator — generally considered the organization most likely to resort to violence to achieve racist ends. It distributes a book called *The White Man's Bible* — a chilling call to defend the white race at all costs.

A musclebound man with hard eyes and a no-nonsense manner, Mr. Fraser said he has never yet had to use violence against anti-racists — but he left the impression he would not hesitate to do so.

He said he was attracted to the far right after he left the Canadian Forces and graduated from a tool-and-die-making course at a vocational school. Out of 50 people in the course, he said, the five who were members of visible minorities found work right away.

"I couldn't find any work. At all the employment centres, you would see signs posted for jobs saying they were especially interested in visible minorities. I just got fed up with it. I'm not mad at the minorities. I'm mad at the system."

"I'm not advocating killing blacks or Jews or whatever," he added. "I just want a white homeland where people like me can get together and have our own society. We reject this multicultural stuff being shoved down our throats."

He conceded that the streets are not exactly overrun with people endorsing this concept. "The fridge is still full and the TV is going. But one of these days, it is going to run out."

Only once in an hour-long interview did Mr. Fraser allow militarism to spill out. He professed admiration for U.S. neo-Nazis who have gone to jail or been killed for committing acts of violence.

"They were willing to sacrifice everything for their beliefs," he said. "I'm not advocating violence except as a last resort. If they let us speak freely and assemble, they will not have a war. But if they make it impossible for us to meet or whatever, some of us might lose control and do something, you know?"

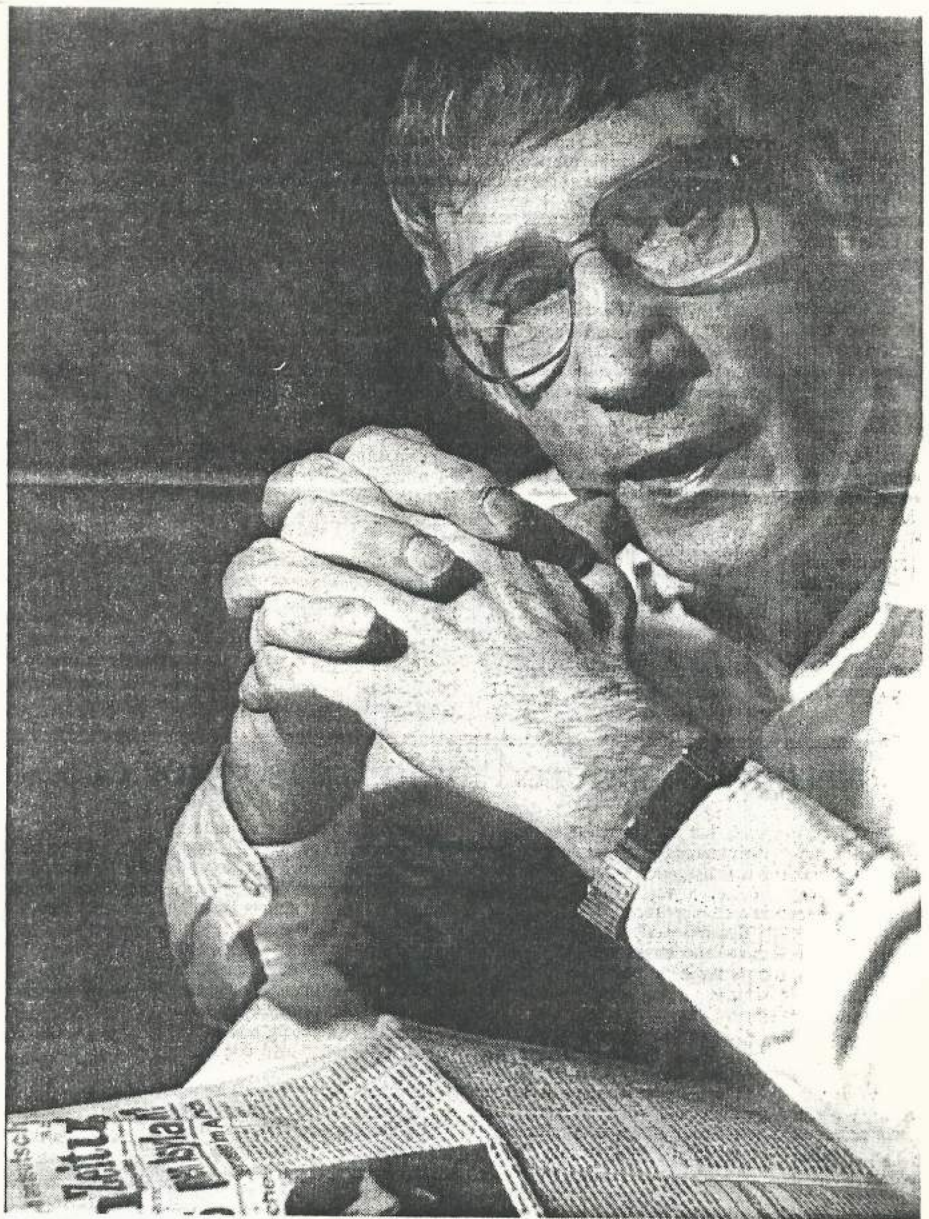
MEET Elisse Deschner. If you don't know about her yet, you probably will soon.

Ms. Deschner is young, female and giggly — a convenient symbol for an ultra-right movement that is normally associated with burning crosses, goosesteps and expressionless, jut-jawed males.

The Toronto-based, image-conscious Heritage Front is well aware of what a catch Ms. Deschner is. All of 18 years old, she has already undergone careful preparation for a prominent role in the Front's quest for a softer image.

Within months of joining, Ms. Deschner was addressing major rallies and writing articles for the Front's newsletter, and she's sure to be trotted out whenever an inquiring journalist shows up.

Ms. Deschner emigrated to Canada from Romania with her parents in 1987. She said she had trouble adjust-



Heinz Koppe of Delta, B.C., took a five-week leave of absence to attend the 1985 trial of Holocaust denier Ernst Zundel in Toronto.

(SUZANNE AHEARNE/The Globe and Mail)

ing to a mixed-race environment.

"For the first few years, I tried multiculturalism and had a lot of leftist friends — tree-huggers and that kind of thing. But trying to conform and be politically correct just doesn't work if you have something inside you that you know is right, and you just can't deny it."

She sought out the Heritage Front, a two-year-old organization led by former Klansman Wolfgang Droege. In short order, she became convinced that multiculturalism was a sellout by white politicians hankering after ethnic votes, that Anne Frank's diary was a hoax and that the Holocaust never happened.

"The media and everybody expect us to talk about the Jews, but we're so bored with that," Ms. Deschner said. "All of this concern about synagogues and Nazis popping up all over the place. . . . We're just so sick of talking about the Jews. This all happened 50 years ago."

Transferring a hand from her kinky, red hair, Ms. De-

schner absently fingered her Iron Cross jewelry. "It symbolizes the Third Reich," she explained with a giggle. "I tend to lean toward National Socialism."

Ms. Deschner, who speaks of Adolf Hitler as she might of a favourite uncle, talks optimistically about the future. "The more and more people we have, the more pressure the government has on it. And then the government is going to have to change the laws."

For now, however, she says there is fun to be had on the extreme right. "For instance, if the Odinists [a white-power group which embraces Nordic rituals] decide to have a big solstice party, it is a social gathering as well as being political."

What do they do? Ms. Deschner melted into giggles again. "Oh, we sit around and talk and play music."

At the calmer end of the ultraright spectrum are people such as Heinz Koppe, a man whose only real issue is the truth about the Holocaust.

Part 2

Raised in a German Communist family during the Second World War, Mr. Koppe first questioned the Holocaust when his daughter kept coming home in tears from her history class in a Delta, B.C., elementary school.

When the trial of Holocaust revisionist Ernst Zundel began in Toronto in 1985, Mr. Koppe took a leave of absence from his factory job in order to attend the entire five weeks. He came away convinced that six million Jews did not die at the hands of the Nazis — despite the overwhelming evidence to the contrary (Mr. Zundel was convicted twice of spreading false news about the Holocaust, but the Supreme Court of Canada last year overturned the conviction and ruled unconstitutional the law under which it was obtained.)

Ever since, Mr. Koppe has sent a newsletter once a month to about 350 subscribers in Canada and the same number abroad.

He said he harbours no hatred for Jews and although he is "personally against race mixing" he does not think Canada can be turned into a white homeland.

Mr. Koppe was equally critical of people such as British Holocaust denier David Irving, who he said lacks a respectful manner. "He is a very selfish and conceited person. He looks down on people, and the way he talks to the media is disgusting."

EACH morning, the gangly figure of Gary Schipper pads into the bathroom of his small Toronto apartment and lays a dry towel on the edge of the tub.

He dials the number of an answering machine, located in a safe, remote location. Then, Mr. Schipper

cranks up his voice to a shrill caricature of a radio jock. For the next 50 seconds, he's a star — recording yet another bilious rant for the Heritage Front hot line.

"If you hold the phone back far from your mouth in an echoey room, you get a much better sound," Mr. Schipper explains, with a Woody Woodpecker giggle. "I really belt it out, and it reflects off the wall. You want good sound and you want a good product."

Mr. Schipper tends to favour rants which associate leftists, Jews and minorities with censorship, homosexuality and pedophilia. Sometimes, they simply extol the virtues of white skin and family values.

What they have in common is that they come from the fevered, middle-aged mind of a manic figure who actually grew up a Jew. Escaping the experience appears to have consumed Mr. Schipper's life.

"I was adopted by a Jewish family who couldn't have their own children when I was a month and a half old," he said. "I never got along with them at all. I didn't look Jewish. I didn't act Jewish."

To exacerbate matters, his parents ultimately produced two daughters. Mr. Schipper felt no kinship with any of them. "We disagreed on absolutely everything. Races think differently, you know. They finally threw me out when I was sixteen."

He bumped around North America, playing guitar in bar bands and working as a telemarketer. Finally, Mr. Schipper found his calling after contacting the Heritage Front. "We whites are the doormat at the house of equality," he said. "I want to be politically incorrect and stir things up."

Part 3

WHEN Ernst Zundel opens his mouth nowadays, the far right — in Canada and elsewhere — listens.

After receiving massive publicity during the false-news prosecution, which dragged on for more than seven years, he is much in demand as a speaker in North America and Europe. At 53, he'll address everyone from German neo-Nazis to Christian fundamentalists in Western Canada.

The younger generation doesn't impress him much. Groups like the Heritage Front, he said, are little more than youth groups with the vaguest of plans. Worse still, he complained, the ultraright has failed to take advantage of tough economic times and a backlash against immigration.

"What we have done is pitiful compared to what we should have done. Never was the time better for a national network than now. Yet they're not exploiting it. The Canadian right has not yet produced somebody who can coalesce the divergent groups in a meaningful political way. That has been our downfall."

To him, a white-homelands or apartheid strategy smacks of defeatism. But the man who once wrote a book called *The Hitler We Loved and Why*, and another which tried to tie in UFOs and Nazism, admitted that after years of litigation and bomb threats he takes more care with what he sends to his tens of thousands of subscribers around the world.

"I weigh much more carefully what I say now," he said, sitting in his well-fortified home in downtown Toronto. "The Canadian state and those who sued me can claim a certain victory for having done that."

His travels and publishing are financed from donations. "Some people contribute hundreds and even thousands of dollars a year for the privilege of getting three pieces of mail, once a month."

All of these activities fall far short of being an international network, he said sadly. "There is no conspiracy of the international right. They're not that organized. There is just a loose constellation of local champions who have their little bailiwicks "Once in awhile, you are able to coalesce them into fighting one topic. This was my triumph during the trials — I was able to focus them on the Holocaust."

Mr. Zundel added that what has always been missing from the ultraright movement is a charismatic leader who can bring its factions together. It is still missing, he said: "I see no one on the horizon."

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Part 4

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Hate group teen boss out on bail

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By BILL DUNPHY
Toronto Sun

A teenaged leader in the racist Heritage Front has surrendered her firearms acquisition certificate to Metro Police yesterday in order to get out of jail.

Elisse Hategan, 18, of Toronto, was arrested by police Wednesday night on charges of defamatory libel after complaints were received about the distribution of a "very, very offensive," leaflet in a west end school and on parked cars in the city.



ELISSE HATEGAN
Heritage Front member

thinking the anti-racists had produced and distributed them.

Crown Attorney Uri Priwes yesterday said the leaflets originated not with anti-racists but with the white supremacist Heritage Front.

In addition to giving up her gun permit, Hategan was banned from possessing hate literature or any literature that is put out by any racist group.

She is also forbidden to have any contact with known members of the Heritage Front.

Reached after her release, Hategan complained bitterly that the bail conditions mean she's "barred from getting an education," since two of the people she can't contact are fellow students in an Irish class.

Hategan, who uses the alias "Elisse Deschner" in her Heritage Front articles and speaking appearances, spent the night in jail before being released on \$5,000 bail yesterday morning.

Surrendering her firearms acquisition certificate was one condition of her release.

Police say the leaflets, which depicted blacks unfavorably, included the names, home addresses and phone numbers of at least three anti-racist activists in an apparent attempt to mislead people into

Charges laid after leaflets called racist distributed

Toronto Star
93.02.20 By Peter Small
TORONTO STAR

Police have charged a woman with publishing defamatory libel after what they described as racist leaflets were distributed in Metro.

The *Animal Life Series* leaflets were defamatory to black men, police said yesterday. They were placed on windshields and distributed by members of the white supremacist Heritage Front, police said.

The flyers, given out between Jan. 21 and Feb. 16, invited calls for further information and listed names, addresses and phone numbers of several people, police said.

People named as references in leaflets are involved in anti-racist demonstrations, police said.

Following the distribution of the leaflets, several harassing phone calls were made and a swastika was painted on a home, police said. Complaints were made and police investigated.

Bernie Farber of the Canadian Jewish Congress said he was pleased by the quick action taken by police and the crown in investigating the complaints.

"It gives a message to the community that hate-mongering will not be tolerated," he said.

The police seem to be responding to campaigns by the congress and other groups warning of a crisis if hate campaigns, especially those targeted at young people, are not quickly countered, he said.

Elisse Hategan, 18, of Shuter St., Toronto, is charged with publishing defamatory libel.

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NAZIS SHOULDN'T TEACH IN OUR SCHOOLS!

DEMONSTRATE FRIDAY APRIL 2

Start at 519 Church St. at 4:00 pm

MARCH on the MINISTRY OF EDUCATION



Fromm addressing a 1990 Heritage Front rally. Fromm's group, Citizens for Foreign Aid Reform, sold literature at this meeting. Pictured behind him are flags of the KKK and the paramilitary group Church of the Creator, and a large swastika is off to the side. He continues to speak at such meetings.

The Ministry of Education has hired an independent investigator who determined that Fromm has not fulfilled his duties as a teacher under the Education Act, and that his presence as a teacher has had an adverse effect on the school community. **WE DEMAND THE MINISTRY ACT NOW TO SHOW ITS COMMITMENT TO ANTI-RACIST EDUCATION.**

DEMANDS:

- Fromm's teaching certificate be **REVOKED**
- Fromm be **FIRE**D from his teaching position
- Priority be given to anti-racist education **NOW**
- Other teachers with racist or neo-Nazi links be investigated

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No student should have to be subjected to the racist ideologies and practices of Paul Fromm.

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- ***Paul Fromm's teaching certificate be revoked.***
- ***Mr. Fromm be fired from his teaching position.***
- ***Priority be given to anti-racist education NOW.***
- ***Other teachers with racist or neo-Nazi links be investigated.***

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- Bring anti-racists to speak in your school!
- Rip down racist posters!
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- Confront racists!
- Organize student anti-racist groups in your school!
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PAUL FROMM — WHO IS HE?

Nazi Supporter

- In 1981, Fromm became treasurer of the Metro Progressive Conservative Party. He was fired after he said in a newspaper interview that belief in a supreme race "is a good idea" and that Indochinese refugees should be sent to desert islands because "their influx into Canada will upset the racial balance."
- On December 8, 1990, Fromm spoke at a Heritage Front rally alongside some of Canada's most extreme racist organizations: the fascist paramilitary Church of the Creator, the Women's Aryan Union, and the Canadian Alliance. Fromm denied having gone to the rally until a video tape surfaced showing him speaking with a number of nazi and white power flags behind him. When speaking to the group, he stated, "We're all on the same side," and was greeted by the Nazi salute.
- Fromm spoke again at a public Heritage Front meeting on September 5, 1991. He also spoke in April, 1992 at a meeting of the far-right Northern Foundation in Ottawa with homophobic and anti-choice leader Ken Campbell.
- On September 24, 1991, Fromm was ejected from a meeting of Toronto's Mayor's Committee on Race Relations for yelling "Scalp 'em!" while Rodney Bobiwash of the Native Canadian Centre was speaking.
- On Nov. 7, 1992, Mr Fromm went to Victoria, B.C. to speak on behalf of Holocaust-denier David Irving who was then deported from Canada on Nov. 13.

Longtime Racist Organizer

- While still a student at the University of Toronto, Paul Fromm co-founded the "anti-communist" Edmund Burke Society with notorious

racist Don Andrews. Within five years, this group had become the explicitly neo-Nazi Western Guard.

- As director of the *Canadian Association for Free Expression Inc.*, Fromm supports well-known racists like Ernst Zundel, whose hate literature denies that the Holocaust in Nazi Germany happened, and supports hatemongers like Philippe Rushton, James Keegstra and Malcolm Ross.
- Fromm's other front group, *Citizens for Foreign Aid Reform Inc.* (C-FAR), advocates racist restrictions on immigration and foreign aid. Founded in 1979, their newsletter publishes racist doctrines like, "We're living in a minority-occupied country", and "documents" crimes committed by immigrants to Canada.

In a 1989 C-FAR letter, Fromm laid out a plan for the organization, emphasizing building strength by "recruiting young people... to develop the leaders of tomorrow!"

High School Teacher

Paul Fromm works as an English teacher at Applewood Heights Secondary School in the Peel Region. Fromm's presence in the school is creates an atmosphere of intimidation and fear and fuels racial tensions in the school.

HAS ANYONE TAKEN ACTION?

The Peel Board of Education refused to take action on Fromm even after viewing a video of his speech at the Heritage Front Rally and listening to testimony by both the *Canadian Jewish Congress* and *Klanbusters* on his racist activities. The Peel Board has issued two reprimands with a warning that Fromm's participation in further activities could result in his dismissal. Fromm ignored this and spoke in Victoria on a platform with David Irving last November.

Upset at the lack of action, groups including the Native Canadian Centre, the Ontario Native Women's Association, the 519 Church Street Community Centre, Anti-Racist Action, Klanbusters, the CJC, Citizens Against Racism and the Urban Alliance on Race Relations held a press conference Oct. 21, 1992, at which they demanded a review of Fromm's right to teach by the Ontario Ministry of Education.

The Peel Board also requested this review, and in November of 1992, Education Minister Tony Silipo appointed an independent advisor to investigate Fromm's effect on the school community. The Cowan report was released on March 17, 1993.

The Cowan Report states that Fromm's racist activities violated sections of the Education Act and breached the Peel Board of Education's Multicultural and Race Relations Policy as well as the Regulations of the Ontario Teachers' Federation.

The report states that:

"...Mr. Fromm is not committed to the policies respecting ethnocultural equity, multiculturalism and anti-racism that are fundamental to the educational system in this province."

"In reviewing the activities of Mr. Fromm in this context, I believe Mr. Fromm did not fulfill his duties as a teacher to set a positive example consistent with the core values expressed by or implicit in s.264 (1) (c) of the Education Act."

"As a result of my investigation, I have concluded that Mr. Fromm's presence as a teacher has an adverse effect on the school community."

FROMM AFFAIR Nazi probe okay with teacher

By BILL DUNPHY
Toronto Sun

A Mississauga high school teacher linked to neo-Nazi and racist groups agrees — with some reservations — about the need for a second provincial inquiry into his conduct.

Paul Fromm, the subject of a recent three-month provincial inquiry into his neo-Nazi links, was commenting yesterday on a Peel board of education decision to seek a new provincial inquiry into his activities.

Tuesday night the board decided to ask the minister of education to re-convene an independent inquiry, with the power to subpoena witnesses and documents. A quasi-judicial commission to delve into his classroom behavior was also requested.

Western Guard co-founder

Fromm, a co-founder of the neo-Nazi Western Guard in the early 70s, insists he hasn't violated conditions in a board letter of reprimand and termed the second inquiry "unnecessary."

But he says he agrees with a second request of his employer's, that a commission be set up to determine if Fromm's classroom is not only free of discrimination but seen to be free of discrimination.

The education ministry hasn't yet responded to the Peel board's request. *Toronto Sun* 93-03-25

Supremacists shout slogans outside lecture

Toronto Star 93-03-28
Neo-Nazis shouted white supremacist slogans in an attempt to disrupt a lecture by a former member of a violent American white-power group last night.

Shouting "white Canada wake up," about 40 members of several supremacist groups demonstrated outside a downtown television studio where more than 300 gathered to hear Tom Martinez.

Martinez, 37, a former member of The Order, turned state's evidence against the group and has co-operated with police.

The lecture was sponsored by the Simon Wiesenthal Centre.

An anticipated counter-demonstration by members of a Toronto-based anti-racist group failed to materialize when a small group of women gathered nearby but decided the numbers didn't warrant a confrontation.

More than two dozen Metro police ringed the studio.

City's after Zundel

By ANTONELLA ARTUSO
City Hall Bureau

Toronto politicians want white supremacist Ernst Zundel charged "for wilful promotion of hatred."

The city's neighborhood committee yesterday voted to ask the attorney general's ministry to lay new charges under the hate propaganda law.

"This is a huge issue. I think the attorney general has to say something," said Councillor Rob Maxwell.

Zundel was acquitted last August of a 1988 conviction for spreading false news about the Holocaust.

After the verdict, Zundel said he will continue to spread his view that the murder of six million Jews in Nazi camps in World War II never happened.

Maxwell said the city needs to get involved because "there is a clear community interest in this."

Metro Police Det. Staff Sgt. Chuck Konkel told the committee this kind of racism festers in bad economic times.

Konkel said said police need to meet with officials of the attorney general's ministry to gain more guidance on what they believe constitutes a solid case against hate propaganda.

Terrorism forces 2 closures

By BILL DUNPHY
Toronto Sun

Two Toronto group homes shut their doors yesterday because of a month-long campaign of terror waged against staff members following the eviction of a neo-Nazi client.

Susan Abell, executive director of Youthlink, said 14 female teens had been moved out of the group's two homes over the last week and the homes shut down yesterday.

The decision came after a "concerted effort to terrorize staff" that included an arson attempt, threatening and abusive phone calls, the stalking of staff and a break-in and racist vandalism at one employee's home, Abell said.

Abell confirmed a teenaged girl was removed from one of their homes in the west end last month because staff felt her openly racist behavior and clothing made it impossible to care for their other charges in the facility operated by the Big Sisters.

But police rejected published

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reports the evicted teen or the subsequent actions were linked to Toronto's Heritage Front — a racist white-rights group.

Wolfgang Droege, Heritage Front frontman, said yesterday he'd learned who the teen was and said she had never been connected with his group.

Droege added he'd been trying to reach the teen himself to get to the bottom of the incidents.

Abell said a handful of the group's 20 staff members had been targets of harassment over the last few weeks and were "exhausted dealing with this, never knowing where or when it might happen again."

And although none of Youthlink's clients had been directly threatened, the group felt they had no choice but to pull everyone out of the two homes until the matter could be resolved.

"We've never had to do this before, it's very regrettable," Abell said. "We're hoping we can re-open in 30 days, but we just don't know."

Hate campaign, firebombing shut home for troubled teens

Terrified residents, staff get protection in wake of right terror

By ALI SHARRIF

Staff and residents of two Toronto group homes for troubled teenaged women are now hiding in safe houses under police protection after an organized hate campaign culminated in the firebombing of one of the residences.

The perpetrators repeatedly claimed responsibility under the name of the local white supremacist organization the Heritage Front in

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numerous threatening phone calls. The group's key spokesperson denies involvement in the attack and Metro police say their investigation has not established any "direct link" between the campaign and the Front.

The campaign, which included the physical intimidation of a black staff member, eventually forced the police to provide the staff and 16 inmates protection in hiding.

As a result of this probe and fear expressed by staff and officials of the agency, Runnymede and Madison houses will be closed for 30 days, says Susan Abell, executive director of Youthlink, which runs the homes.

Meanwhile, police would only say specialized undercover surveillance teams are investigating the hate campaign which began with

menacing telephone calls on March 13.

Around the same time, the Heritage Front began to run accusations on its telephone hot line claiming that most of the agency's staff were lesbians who subjected the inmates to sexual harassment.

Front questioned

Heritage Front spokesperson Wolfgang Droege, who acknowledges he was interviewed by detectives, denies any involvement in the harassment.

However, he says the Front did its own investigation into the eviction of several young women residents and found the homes are staffed by lesbians who immediately "come on" sexually to teens seeking help.

"When these young women re-

This young woman moved in, wore swastikas and read their literature while other residents looked on fearfully.

fuse to give in, they are thrown out," says Droege. "Some of these young women have gone to their boyfriends with these stories."

He says he told police that the boyfriends may be behind the hate campaign.

Droege says when the boyfriends approached the Heritage Front for help, "We refused to take part in any violent tactics but we agreed to play messages on our (telephone) hot line about lesbian staff in group homes."

Abell dismisses his allegations about lesbian harassment, saying the managers have not received any such complaint from residents.

"We supervise our staff very closely," she says. "Besides, the ministry of community and social services has special protocols for people to complain and for investigations to be launched."

The Heritage Front attacks homosexuality as deviant, Droege says, adding, "But we were not responsible for the violence."

While the campaign was on, homes in the area were flooded with Heritage Front white-power literature, residents say.

The hate campaign against the

home began the day following the eviction of a young inmate who dressed in neo-Nazi fashion, say staff.

"This young woman moved into the home and started to wear the symbols of the Front and swastikas, and read their (Heritage Front) literature openly while other residents looked on fearfully," says a worker.

The worker says that when the teen refused to stop displaying the white-power symbols and literature in the home, the manager evicted her.

"She was very angry and threatened the manager that we would pay for throwing her out," says the worker.

Threatening calls

A day later, staff at the home started to receive threatening phone calls from people who identified themselves as members of the Heritage Front, threatening to stage a protest outside the home. The protest never materialized, but the phone calls got nastier.

The callers then began targeting a young black female staff member. According to other staff members familiar with her case, callers told her, "We know where you live, you black bitch. You can't get away."

She is currently in hiding and unavailable for comment.

Youth workers at the home say that, shortly after the black woman was targeted, on March 23, the back porch of the home was firebombed. Staff and residents panicked.

White van

Staff say the black worker was followed by a white van that would suddenly speed up and then disappear, sometimes tailing her all the way home. She began living with friends.

"Finally, she fled (outside the city)," says a staff member, "but they followed her there too."

One night, she and her friend found the home had been broken into and the refrigerator was covered with the words, "Nigger, we are here to get you," staff members say.

The workers say she then returned to Toronto. Meanwhile, workers say, another worker received a call from a man claiming to be a high official of the Front.

The worker who received the call says, "He asked me to tell my boss not to talk to the media. He claimed he knew every staff (member) and resident and said that he would make our lives a living hell." ●

Anti-racist convert atones for his right-wing sins

Threat of jail started 10-year campaign against extreme right

By ENZO DI MATTEO

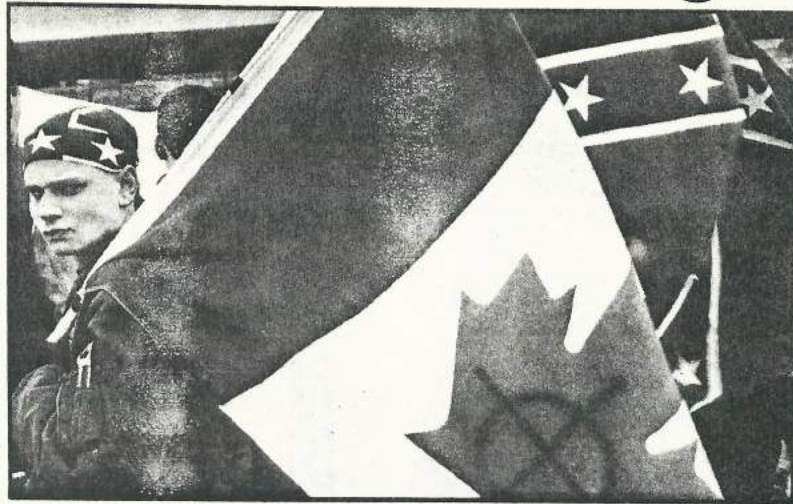
Tom Martinez has been raising money for one racial cause or another since his post-army days in Philadelphia's working-class Kensington district. Back then, he was doing it door-to-door for the white supremacist Ku Klux Klan and, later, the National Alliance.

But since 1985, the former neo-Nazi has been crisscrossing the U.S. spreading an anti-racism message for the Jewish human rights group, the Anti-Defamation League (ADL).

Today Martinez is at a television studio on The Esplanade recounting how growing up in the "slums," being a white kid in a high school that was predominantly black, and earning \$100 a week making doughnuts — with his 16-year-old girlfriend pregnant at the time — lured him into the racist movement.

The young, well-dressed crowd of 300 has shelled out \$37 for tickets to raise funds for the Simon Wiesenthal Centre.

"I learned my hate in the streets of Philadelphia," Martinez says. "You might think I'm crazy, but I never in



Youth attracted to racist groups act out of ignorance, says former supremacist.

Gene Wilson, the case's chief prosecutor turned judge, is kinder. "I don't want to cause him any trouble. The best of all possible worlds for any of us I suppose is to be able to do well while doing good. He's probably not unlike a lot of other people if in fact he has mixed motivations."

A large man with black hair combed straight back above a puffy face, Martinez looks more like the stereotypical burly Klansman than I had expected from the intelligent, streetwise voice philosophizing over the telephone a week earlier.

Rat motivation

my life heard about the Holocaust in the schools that I went to."

The audience, which includes Holocaust denier Ernst Zundel and the Heritage Front's Wolfgang Droege, is riveted. Martinez's story is about underground neo-Nazi terrorism, assassination attempts, FBI agents and murder. Adding to the atmosphere, secret-service lookalikes in suits, wearing earpieces and standing with hands clasped in front of them, keep their eyes trained on the crowd.

Outside, police on horseback tower over about two dozen protesting members of the white-supremacist Church of the Creator.

Martinez's supporters say his fundraising efforts have been part of a personal penance to exorcise the guilt of his racist past. But while they are careful not to brand him a fake, his critics say Martinez shouldn't be held up as a role model or so-called "hero" of the anti-racist movement. They point out that he turned FBI informant to avoid a jail term.

Overblown notion

That he played an integral role in bringing down the Silent Brotherhood — America's most notorious racist gang — is a notion FBI agents and the chief prosecutor who brought the group to justice say is overblown.

Norm Stephenson, the retired FBI agent who headed the bureau's Brotherhood investigation out of Seattle, chuckles when Martinez's name is mentioned. "He's a Johnny-come-lately who wants to put all this stuff out that makes him look bigger than he really was."

"If that helps him getting out to the kids and keeping him straight, good for him. (But) he wasn't responsible for putting anybody in jail. We knew pretty much who all the bad guys were before we heard of Martinez."

message through to youth.

"Students ask why African American students are allowed to have black cultural month and as soon as they say the word 'white' they're branded a racist. I think it's healthy to have a black club or a Jewish club, but I also think it's healthy to have a European club. These kids feel left out, man. I have a daughter who talks about these things too."

"There's a lot of things we (as a society) are doing (about racism) to try and make people feel good, but I think we are going about it the wrong way because nobody's got the balls to stand up and speak out about what they really feel."

"I had a lack of history, a lack of education," he says. "You never hear about the white kids on the Barbara Walters show or 60 Minutes (but) there are thousands of Tom Martinez's out there." As a rising foot soldier in the Klan and Alliance during the early 80s, Martinez raised an average \$150 a week for the racist cause, gaining a go-getter reputation among his racist cohorts. The Alliance's nationwide newsletter Vanguard made regular mention of Martinez's efforts.

In 1983, Martinez met Bob Mathews, whose dream was to create an all-white, Christian nation in the American northwest — the White American Bastion.

Host murdered

Mathews' plan was to form a small, secret "strike force" that would execute politically motivated acts of terror to galvanize racist sentiment across the country.

By 1985, the Silent Brotherhood, as it became known, had carried out an assortment of criminal operations — including three daring armored-car robberies — to finance its racist cause. One of those, in Ukiah, California, netted more than

\$4 million in cash. In June 1984, popular Denver radio talk-show host Alan Berg, one of three prominent Jews targeted by the group, was gunned down.

At that time, Martinez was being recruited by Mathews. He was working as a janitor and had just bought a "white elephant of a house" when he agreed to pass \$30,000 in counterfeit bills for the group.

He passed the phoney \$10 bills at several locations in his Kensington neighbourhood, pocketing more than \$1,300 one day in change from small purchases. His purchases included nine lottery tickets. Martinez returned to some of the same places the next day and was recognized as the one who passed a phoney bill the day before. His licence plate was traced.

That evening, June 27, 1984, the secret service arrested Martinez at his home. Martinez never became a member of the Brotherhood. He had not taken the "voice test" required and never met most of the group's inner circle.

Facing the prospect of an 18-month jail term, Martinez remembered some of his conversations with Mathews and a man named David Lane — things said in passing that made him realize the group was behind the Ukiah holdup and Berg murder. Martinez cut a deal with the FBI in Philadelphia. As part of a plea bargain, Martinez would later be paid \$25,000 for his

testimony in a September 85 trial. Almost nine years later, Martinez still has an average of four speaking engagements a month. He works fulltime, living with his wife and two children under an assumed name somewhere in small-town America.

Oprah appearance

Along the way there has been money from a book — *Brotherhood Of Murder*, coauthored with writer John Guinther — and from the sale of rights for a failed movie deal. He's appeared on Oprah Winfrey, and segments of his story have been broadcast on television cop shows. In 1990, he campaigned against Republican candidate for Louisiana governor David Duke, a former grand wizard of the KKK. Martinez, however, voted for Bush in the most recent presidential election.

Chip Berlet, of the Michigan-based Political Research Associates, refers to Martinez's anti-racism efforts as "the Gerald Rivera school of social change. Very flashy, but... It fails to deal with the underlying causes of prejudice."

According to Stephenson, the FBI already had a bead on the main players in the Ukiah holdup and the Berg murder by the time Martinez "rolled over" in October 84.

A Philadelphia-based FBI agent who worked closely with Martinez for a year says, "He had very little firsthand knowledge. Initially he was very important (in that) he corroborated the information we had. But as the case progressed, he was no longer important."

"It isn't all what it seems. The humble background is a little melodramatic. He's a survivor and he's going to do his best, whichever way it will work, to come out on top."

"His main monetary interest to me was the hope he'd get this movie deal," says Guinther. "He'd love to see this movie about his life. I think it would give it meaning. Maybe Martinez wants to take credit for some things. (But) to me, the important thing about Tom is that he's taken that extra step and made kind of a crusade out of it."

Despite the mission, the new life and home in the suburbs, something's missing for Martinez.

"I'm happy to see what life my family has, but I'm not happy as a person," Martinez says. "I'm a pretty lonely guy. I have friends that support me in what I'm doing, but I don't have the kind of friend I can go to a ballgame with."

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Local scholar touting age-old Jewish conspiracy

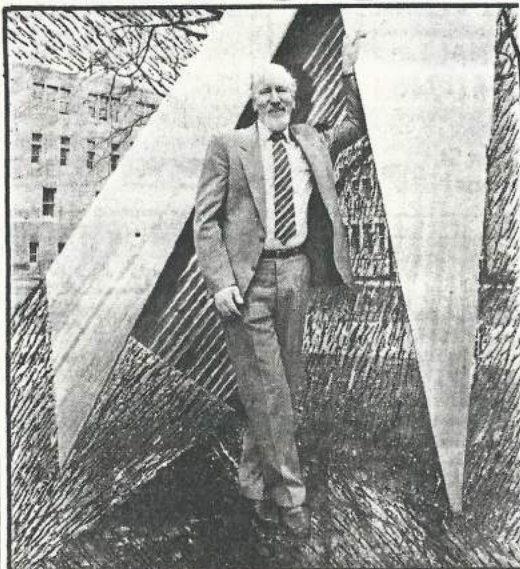
Student wrestles with discovery of professor's strange theory

By DAVID LAYTON

Robert O'Driscoll is a professor of English at St. Michael's, the Catholic college at the University of Toronto. A Newfoundlander, O'Driscoll is a tenured professor who has been teaching at the university for 27 years, and is recognized as one of Canada's foremost authorities on W.B. Yeats.

Flamboyant, dramatic and insightful, Robert O'Driscoll is my best English professor at the university. Worse, he is charming. His hair is silver, not grey, he has aged, not decayed, and he sports a goatee that sprouts from his chin like some magnificent flower.

He is also the author of a recently published book, *The New World Order And The Throne Of The Antichrist*, an absurd farrago of the worst anti-Semitic nonsense since



Robert O'Driscoll is convinced a cabal of Jews, Catholics and Masons shapes the major events of history.

with which O'Driscoll ends his introduction: "If, with the help of his Marxist creed, the Jew conquers the nations of this world, his crown will be the funeral wreath of humanity and this planet will, as it did millions of years ago, tumble through the ether, devoid of men."

It is an astonishing book to be written by a University of Toronto professor, one moreover whose achievements are deemed worthy enough to be listed in the most recent edition of the *Canadian Who's Who*. It traces the evils of the last century to 1776, when the Illuminati, a secret society with limitless financial resources, was founded by a Jesuit Jew and dedicated to a program aimed at world domination.

It is a fantastical book. The Bolshevik revolution was not started by Russians but by a "group of in-

ternational Jews," Stalin was a Zionist.

But wait: "The Jews" can't really be blamed, O'Driscoll says at another point, exclaiming that all "we can say with certainty" is that "an unholy alliance of some Jews, some Masons, some Mormons, and some Catholics" can be blamed for "the continuing crucifixion of mankind."

Proud author

O'Driscoll is proud of his book, so much so that he handed the class impressive invitations to his book launch. "The Global Blockbuster!" it proclaimed, "with simultaneous publication in Toronto, Washington and Moscow!" And on the right-hand side of the embossed invitation it stated: "Sponsored by the Brick Breweries and the Waterloo Hotel."

The invitation was carefully

worded. It omitted any reference to those pernicious Jews. If one didn't know any better, one would suspect it was an invitation to a sedate evening of free beer and hors d'oeuvres with a group of distinguished academics.

And in fact no one did know. I was, by O'Driscoll's admission, one of the "select few" who had seen advance proofs of the book. Which was really strange, because I am a Jew and he knows it.

Confused about my own reaction to his work, the idea struck me that I would take a cue from the reaction of others. What would they do when they picked up a copy of the book and began to leaf through its pages? Would they stand up, outraged, and denounce him outright? Would some quietly pick up their coats and walk out? I decided to find out.

The night I drove out to Kitchener for the book launch the thought occurred to me that I might be the only one in attendance, that perhaps the others would have caught on and instead of observing this abhorrent event, I'd end up justifying it. But once there, leaning over the bar, I counted over forty heads in attendance.

Hebrew outburst

"Strap yourself in, buckle up your seat belts and hang on!" O'Driscoll shouted into the microphone. And then out came the Russian dancers.

You might remember them from a year ago when they were stranded in Toronto after their finances collapsed. Now they were here, in Kitchener, to perform around the hotel swimming pool. They were terrible. Perhaps they were tired. The whole act reminded me of a bad Cecil B. deMille movie.

My thoughts were broken by an outburst of Hebrew. Hebrew? One of the Russian dancers turned out to be multitalented. More than a dancer, he was a singer and, to my utter amazement, a singer of Hebrew folk songs. This display of Hebrew folk music with everyone,

including O'Driscoll, clapping along, seemed sinister. It was like the Jews playing at their own funeral.

As soon as the dancers scurried off the stage, I gathered a copy of the book and approached the singer. "How do you know Hebrew?" I asked.

"I'm Jewish," he answered. Half the Russian cast was Jewish. I showed them the book. There was no need to read from it. Open just about any page and the bold sub-headings will give it all away.

The Russian singer gave me that immutably sad look that one only imagines Russians being capable of and sighed. He didn't believe it could happen here, he said.

"I want to be landed immigrant," the dancer added. But his expression allowed for little surprise. He was Russian after all, Jewish to boot and most events in life appeared to act as a confirmation rather than a contradiction of his inner convictions.

Then it was young Mr. Annear's turn at the podium. Douglas Annear, a former student of O'Driscoll's, and a contributor to the book, looked as if he had recently graduated from Harvard with an MBA—square-jawed and clean shaven, without a hair out of place, he was the image of prosperity itself.

As he began to drone on about electric cow prods being shoved up Palestinian rectums, a woman sitting on my left leaned over to her friend and said, "When this is over I have a case of beer in the trunk of my car." The table was full of older women in tight leather pants smoking lots of cigarettes and talking to men with limp hair and burly mustaches. I didn't know who they were or why they were here but throughout the evening they had been drinking copious amounts of beer and screeching at jokes I hadn't heard.

Peculiar dread

Either out of collusion, compromise or complacency, no one, as far as I could tell, lifted a finger against O'Driscoll. Perhaps no one wished to appear impolite. And it has been the same with fellow students in the classroom; inconvenience can make cowards of us all.

Including myself. But it wasn't just the inconvenience of losing a possible academic credit. Like many other people, I experienced that peculiar dread of facing a difficult new thought. You weren't supposed to like a man like O'Driscoll. I did. I just hated his ideas. That it was possible to so violently separate the man from his ideas shocked me.

Before the beginning I held to the belief that I would not allow my Jewish identity to be formed by opposition. To stand forth as a representative of my race felt uncomfortable, like stepping into ready-made shoes that didn't fit. To denounce O'Driscoll would be a strangely impersonal event; an abstraction attacking an abstraction. But as Edmund Burke says: "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."

Before I left, O'Driscoll autographed the book: "For David with appreciation and his promise of achievement." Then he waved me a hearty goodbye and told me, good-naturedly, not to be late for class.

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the *Protocols Of The Elders Of Zion*, that long-discredited forgery composed by anti-Semitic Russians of the last century to show that the Jews were plotting to take over the world.

Have you ever wondered about the causes of the first world war? About increasing crime in our society? About why the Americans dropped atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki? Did you ever wonder who was really behind Stalin?

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Not all Jews are to blame, of course, O'Driscoll says, just some of them. But the theme of the book is fairly clearly stated in the quotation from Hitler's *Mein Kampf*

Professor says university plotting to get him

By ENZO DI MATTEO

A University of Toronto English professor is the focus of an internal investigation after student and faculty complaints that his most recent book is anti-Semitic.

Entitled *The New World Order And The Throne Of The Antichrist*, the book of essays compiled and edited by Robert O'Driscoll of St. Michael's College claims that an ancient "unholy alliance" of Jews, Masons, Mormons and Catholics is part of a conspiracy bent on world domination.

In his second-floor office on St. Mary's Street on Tuesday (March 30) evening, O'Driscoll denies that he's "anti anything." The professor, who's no stranger to controversy, presents a reporter with photocopied documents to support his claim that "the university has a plan to get me."

Among the papers marked "confidential" is a March 1990 letter from then U of T president George Connell notifying O'Driscoll that he is being relieved of his teaching duties. The papers also include documents indicating O'Driscoll was

ordered hospitalized to undergo a psychiatric assessment. However, he was later reinstated by the university.

He launches into a defence of his book. "I commissioned a team of the best scholars and spies to get to the heart of this issue: Is there or is there not a plan for mankind?" O'Driscoll says, dragging on one of four cigarettes he will smoke during an hour-long conversation. "This is a scholarly exercise. Seems to me that as we go on, every month our freedom is diminishing. What's causing that?"

Launches defence

The book, one of three in O'Driscoll's "Armageddon" series, features an interview with a former Russian spy to buttress another of the book's claims that the Soviet Union was created by Jews.

Among other things, it claims in a segment by American Des Griffin that the international banker Moses Amschel Bauer (later known as Nathan Rothschild) prepared the way for the Jewish financial conquest of the British economy in 1815 with information about the outcome of

the battle of Waterloo. The bombings of Dresden, Germany and Tokyo, Japan during the second world war, the book says, were part of a plan to provide urban renewal projects for developer interests.

O'Driscoll, who besides editing the book also contributes an introduction and a series of poems, says the book is supported by "new, original" documents from the Soviet Union, the Vatican, the U.S. and Europe.

A written statement released by St. Michael's vice-president and provost Joan Foley says that an unspecified "preliminary review" suggests the book is not scholarly work.

The statement goes on to say that U of T, the department of English and St. Michael's "are in no way associated with, or agree with, the views expressed in the publication by professor O'Driscoll...and reject professor O'Driscoll's claim that their scholarly reputations are associated with this work. The university has a long-term commitment to racial, cultural and religious diversity."

Counters O'Driscoll: "Miss Joan

Foley seems to want to repress this book. A preliminary review? What review? What is she in, the old, Jewish-Russian KGB? She's supposed to be a scholar."

David Cook, the university's vice-provost, adds: "It's important to keep in perspective here that an investigation is to find out what the facts are and not to jump to any particular conclusion about what happens in the classroom."

David Layton, a student of O'Driscoll's, has asked to be transferred out of the professor's class after reading preliminary drafts of the book and attending a launch in Waterloo in February (see above).

"I had a fine working relationship with O'Driscoll until this book," Layton says. "We used to go out. Here's this man I get along with and then he comes out with this kind of stuff. He's trying to make this academically sound position."

O'Driscoll, for his part, charges that Layton handed an assignment in late and that he has an axe to grind for a "violent row" O'Driscoll had with his father, the poet Irving Layton, two decades ago. Layton calls the accusation "complete bullshit."

U of T ^{Toronto Star 93-04-02} professor at centre of storm over book

By Dale Brazao
TORONTO STAR

The son of Canadian poet Irving Layton is accusing a University of Toronto professor of writing the most blatantly anti-Semitic book in almost a century.

David Layton says Robert O'Driscoll's *The New World Order And The Throne of the Anti-Christ* is "the worst anti-Semitic nonsense since the *Protocols of the Elders of Zion*."

The book has outraged the Canadian Jewish Congress, which has lodged a formal protest with the university.

The 400-page book — the 20th by O'Driscoll, who teaches at the U of T's St. Michael's College — was published in February and has become the centre of a religious firestorm.

Critics are comparing it with the long discredited *Protocols*, which claimed Jews were plotting to take over the world and was used to incite hatred against them in the Soviet Union and Nazi Germany.

The U of T has moved to distance itself from O'Driscoll's work, saying it has launched an investigation following complaints from students and faculty.

A statement released by St. Michael's College vice-president and provost Joan Foley says a preliminary review of the book suggests it is not scholarly work at all.

"The university and St. Michael's were not involved in encouraging or sponsoring this publication and reject Professor O'Driscoll's claim that their scholarly reputations are associated with this work."

The Canadian Jewish Congress is trying to determine whether any of the book's contributing authors have any connections to white supremacist groups, spokesman Bernie Farber said.

"The bottom line is it is really a filthy piece of hate literature," he said.

Layton, 26, said he read a draft of the book.

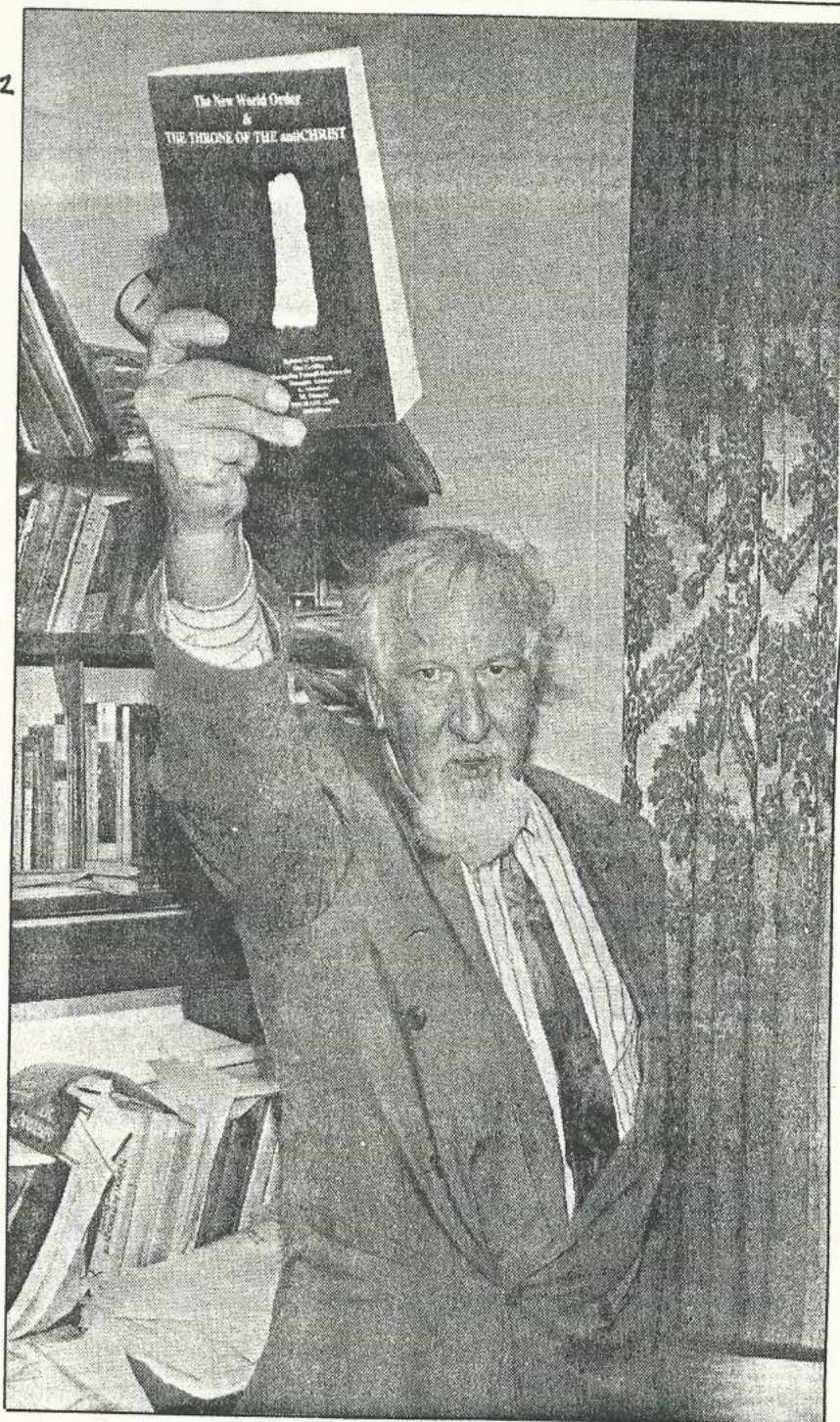
He later attended the book's launch in Waterloo in February and, in an interview yesterday, said he was astounded none of the other 40 students and guests present objected to the "fantastical" book.

Layton said he insisted on being transferred from O'Driscoll's English course after the launch of the book.

"My problem is that I really do respect Robert O'Driscoll's academic career," Layton said. "He is a very good professor."

The book is published in Canada by The Printing Office and by Zespol International in Moscow.

Its title page states the work is "partially edited from the work of American Author Des Griffin by Robert O'Driscoll (Canada) and Margarita Ivanoff-Dubrowsky (Europe).



DALE BRAZAO/TORONTO STAR

ROBERT O'DRISCOLL: U of T English professor flourishes a copy of his latest book, which a student and the Canadian Jewish Congress have said is anti-Semitic. O'Driscoll says he merely edited the book.

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O'Driscoll, 54, denies being anti-Semitic and claims he did nothing more "than write some poetry and edit the book."

He quotes World War II Nazi leader Adolf Hitler in his introduction, while the essays by contributing authors blame Jews for most of the ills of the world.

"Some Jews, some Masons, some Mormons and some Catholics have abused the power they have slowly been accumulating through the centuries," O'Driscoll writes.

But he prefaces that statement by saying he is convinced "the Jews may be merely the fall guys once again as they have been before."

O'Driscoll, a flamboyant professor with 27 years' tenure at St. Michael's College, says the controversy is the latest in an ongoing battle with the university.

During a rambling, hour-long interview at his office yesterday, he presented The Star with a stack of papers he said documents the university's attempts to get rid of him.

Among the papers was a confidential letter dated March, 1990, from then-president George Connell telling O'Driscoll he was suspended and ordering him to undergo a medical assessment. He was later reinstated.

In a March 31 letter to Tom Adamowski, chairman of the university's English department, O'Driscoll said Layton's motive for going public with his accusation was a reduced mark he gave him for turning in a project on March 11, 2½ months late.

Layton said it was "patently ridiculous and rather sad that he (O'Driscoll) would have to make that silly accusation."

Prof accused of 'hate' book

By BILL DUNPHY
Toronto Sun

A tenured English professor at the University of Toronto is under investigation after complaints his latest book is anti-Semitic "hate literature."

Robert O'Driscoll, an English professor at the University's St. Michael's College, denies he or his book *The New World Order and the Throne of the Anti-Christ* are anti-Semitic.

The book, a compilation of essays, interviews and poems, proposes the existence of a secret group of Jews,

Masons and Catholics is bent on world domination and is responsible for everything from the Russian Revolution to both World Wars.

"As far as we're concerned it's hate literature," Bernie Farber of the Canadian Jewish Congress said.

"We're deeply concerned a tenured professor can use the good offices of the top theological college in the country to lend credibility to this garbage."

A statement drafted by the University's vice-president and provost last week, but not generally released, said the university, the college and English department "were not

involved in encouraging or sponsoring this publication and reject Prof. O'Driscoll's claim that their scholarly association are associated with this work."

The statement, by provost Joan Foley, went on to say a preliminary review of the book "suggests that it is not a scholarly work."

O'Driscoll, reached at his St. Michael's office Wednesday evening, questioned Foley's credentials to judge the scholarly nature of his work and said the university's actions were spurred by complaints from a student who was two months late handing in term work.



JOHN GAMBLE
Nomination vetoed

Reform dumps voters' choice

By BILL DUNPHY
Toronto Sun

A former Tory MP has been stripped of his right to represent the Reform Party in a Metro riding in the next election.

John Gamble, chosen by Don Valley West Reformers at a nomination meeting Wednesday, was informed of the decision by party brass yesterday.

"I will notify them of my appeal on Monday," Gamble said.

The Newmarket lawyer, who represented the riding for the Tories, says he isn't sure why Reform bigwigs think his candidacy would be "an embarrassment to the party."

Previously, Reform officials would only say they were concerned about some of the organizations and individuals Gamble has been associated with during his involvement in groups like the World Anti-Communist League.

Riding torn

Riding association president Don Andrus said the riding is torn by the situation.

"We're intent on doing what is right, but we're also intent on not throwing someone in jail without a fair trial," he said.

Reform Party rules give the executive council the right to nullify a nomination that they feel is not in the party's best interest, but the rules also allow for a hearing to be held on the question, Gamble said.

He added he was looking forward to the chance to cross-examine any evidence on his character.



JOHN GAMBLE
Nominated

Reform battles racism charge

By BILL DUNPHY
Toronto Sun

The Reform Party is again struggling with charges it's a home for racists after Heritage Front members voted in a nomination meeting Wednesday.

The Don Valley West riding association elected former Tory MP John Gamble as the Reform candidate — in defiance of party headquarters.

The Reform Party's executive council had earlier voted not to endorse Gamble's nomination if he won, saying he would be an embarrassment because of some of the organizations and individuals he's been linked with.

Front votes

To make matters worse for the party executive, some Heritage Front members apparently voted Wednesday.

Peter Mitrevski, a Heritage Front member booted out of the Reform Party last year after the *Sun* exposed his links with the racist organization, admitted he'd cast a ballot. He said he was voting for a Reform Party member who'd had to leave before the vote was taken.

Ron Wood, press secretary to Reform leader Preston Manning, said any Front members found in Reform Party ranks would be expelled.

He accused Mitrevski and Heritage frontman Wolfgang Droege of trying to stir up trouble.

New probe set into teacher's link to racist activities

By Donovan Vincent 93.04.02
TORONTO STAR

The province has agreed to reopen its investigation into teacher Paul Fromm's involvement in racist activities outside the classroom.

Education Minister Dave Cooke announced yesterday that lawyer Jeff Cowan has been reappointed to investigate Fromm's involvement in two incidents that took place in November, 1992, and April, 1991.

The purpose is to help the Peel Region Board of Education determine if the Mississauga teacher's trip last November to Victoria for a function for author David Irving contravened a letter of reprimand the board issued to him earlier that year.

Irving, a controversial British author who has since been deported, has written and given speeches denying or minimizing the Holocaust.

The board also wants more information about Fromm's involvement in a 1991 gathering to celebrate Adolf Hitler's birthday.

Cooke has asked that Cowan complete this investigation as "soon as possible."

Fromm yesterday called the new inquiry "a waste of taxpayers' money" and a witchhunt.

"The time has come for people like the minister to tell these politically correct special interest groups to shove off."

Fromm said he believes that Canada's immigration policy should be changed and determined by referendum. He claims he is not a racist.

Fromm has appeared at a number of functions organized by racist organizations, such as a 1991 rally of the neo-Nazi Heritage Front, of which he is not a member. At that rally he espoused his views on free speech. In 1989 at a Toronto City Hall meeting he heckled an Indian speaker by saying, "Scalp 'em."

Cowan had been appointed by then education minister Tony Silipo last November to investigate Fromm.



FROMM: Teacher calls probe a waste of money.

NEO-NAZI TIES?

Fromm to face inquiry

By BILL DUNPHY 93.04.02
Toronto Sun

Mississauga teacher Paul Fromm, linked to local neo-Nazi groups, faces another investigation by the education ministry.

The teacher at Applewood Heights Secondary for nearly two decades was the subject of a three-month provincial inquiry after the Sun disclosed he was a key speaker at a racist rally in Toronto.

Fromm yesterday termed the re-opening of the investigations "an April Fool's joke on the Ontario taxpayer. It's a waste of taxpayer's money — the matter has already been investigated."

The earlier inquiry by lawyer Jeff Cowan found no evidence Fromm practised discrimination in his classroom, but did find his actions outside the school undermined parent and student confidence and appeared to breach the Education Act and school board policies.

The Peel board last month asked the investigation to be re-opened after it was disclosed Fromm had attended a 1991 celebration of Adolf Hitler's birthday and had spoken in late 1992 in defence of controversial British author David Irving during a Western Canada tour.

Education Minister David Cooke announced yesterday the investigation would be re-opened to examine those two incidents.

Police can't link threats to teen's eviction

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By Gail Swainson
TORONTO STAR

Police say they have found no connection between death threats made to staff at two group homes and a teenager evicted last month.

"Phone calls of this type can be very annoying," Detective Sergeant Keith Worth said Wednesday.

"But we have nothing to link this girl... I think a lot of assumptions have been going on here."

Police also could not establish any direct connection between the girl and known white supremacist groups, Worth said.

The two homes for abused teenage girls were temporarily closed Wednesday in the wake of ongoing threats against female staff.

"We can't expect our staff to continue under this kind of stress over an extended period of time," said Susan Abell, executive director of Youthlink, which runs the Toronto homes.

Thirteen girls, aged 16 to 18, have been moved to seven undisclosed locations after Runnymede and Madison Houses were closed for 30 days or until the threats stop, Abell said.

Metro police are investigating allegations that female staff were stalked, subjected to harassing telephone calls and a home was broken into.

A fire, burning cardboard and newspaper, was also deliberately set March 23 on the back porch of the west-end Runnymede House.

The incidents started after a teen was evicted for her alleged links with the white-supremacist group Heritage Front.

Abell said the homes will reopen when the safety of both staff and residents can be guaranteed.

Staff considered asking for police protection as an alternative to closing the homes, but "we don't want young people living in an armed camp," she said.

Heritage Front director Wolfgang Droegge said he wanted whoever was making the threats to "cease and desist."

If someone has a problem with society, that person should use "legal means" to get the point across, said Droegge, who denied his group had anything to do with the incidents.

One former employee of the home said she was disappointed that the home was closed.

"You shouldn't shut down the house and turn young women who are already victims out of their homes," said the woman, who did not want to be identified. "We should be teaching them to turn around and fight back."

Radio station incites hatred, Hamilton group complains

HAMILTON (Special) — Radio station CHML has been accused of broadcasting "hateful" programs.

The station's talk show hosts "are creating a poison atmosphere," Denise Giroux, 32, a lawyer with the eight-member Committee for Conscience in Broadcasting, told a news conference yesterday.

"CHML talk show hosts are promoting a climate of intolerance against visible minorities, aboriginal people, the poor and the unemployed, francophones, women and workers," Giroux said.

They "incite contempt and hatred... and are increasingly dividing the community," she said. That's "hateful radio."

"CHML allowed the comment that all lesbian women in Hamilton should be lined up and shot," said Vilma Rossi, a member of the committee, which includes trade unions, and women's and ethnic groups.

CHML program director Darryl Hartwick said the station is willing to listen to complaints, but has "nothing planned for censoring talk show hosts."

Book on conspiracy under U of T scrutiny

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BY RUDY PLATTEL
The Globe and Mail

TORONTO — The University of Toronto is investigating complaints about a long-time professor whose latest book concerns itself with a worldwide conspiracy involving "some Jews" and Masons.

The book of essays, entitled *The New World Order and the Throne of the Antichrist*, was compiled and edited by Robert O'Driscoll, a professor of English and Celtic studies at St. Michael's College.

Some of the essays in it suggest there is a secret conspiracy involving Jews, Masons, Catholics and Mormons and has been denounced as hate literature by the Canadian Jewish Congress. Complaints have

prompted an investigation by the University of Toronto, which has publicly distanced itself from the book.

The issue was raised after several complaints were lodged with the university.

Michael Marrus, a professor of history, chairman of the university's academic board and the author of books on anti-Semitism, said he personally felt the book was "bizarre, erratic and scurrilous."

Irving Abella, a York University professor of history and president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, described the book as "a bizarre collection of writings" and said it could be dangerous if it got accepted. "But it is so bizarre and so quirky that I

Among the contributors to the book is Des Griffen, a U.S. author. Bernie Farber, executive director of the Canadian Jewish Congress, said Mr. Griffen's books are listed by Omni Publications Ltd., a U.S. organization that he said "promotes anti-Semitic and extremist literature."

Mr. Farber said he regards Prof. O'Driscoll's book as hate literature.

Prof. O'Driscoll said the book was the product of an attempt to determine whether a world conspiracy existed. He said it was "crazy" to suggest he was anti-Semitic because "I encourage diversity."

Reform annuls nomination

The Globe and Mail

TORONTO — Former Conservative MP John Gamble is too right-wing for the Reform Party, which voted yesterday to annul his nomination as its federal candidate in the riding of Don Valley West.

Don Leier, Reform's vice-chairman, said the party's executive council was alarmed by what it saw as Mr. Gamble's connection to another man who has been linked to neo-Nazi groups.

"It creates a perception that surrounds Gamble and we feel it's injurious to the party," Mr. Leier said last night from his home in Saskatoon.

"It may imply we accept views of this nature."

Mr. Gamble, a 59-year-old Markham lawyer who ran for the federal Conservative leadership in 1983, said he will appeal the party's decision.

He once belonged to an anti-Communist association with Toronto-area high-school teacher Paul Fromm. Mr. Fromm has appeared at a number of functions organized by racist groups such as a 1991 rally of the neo-Nazi Heritage Front, but is not a member.

Mr. Gamble was nominated earlier this week as the Reform candidate for the riding of Don Valley West, but had been warned by officials that his candidacy would be nullified.

"I don't know how you can find someone guilty by association," he said. *Toronto Globe+Mail 93-04-03*

Natives portrayed as barbaric, court told Two taped Heritage Front telephone messages portrayed native people as unproductive, violent and barbaric, Susan Ehrlich, a York University linguistics professor, told a Federal Court of Canada judge yesterday. Dr. Ehrlich was testifying at a hearing to determine whether the Heritage Front and director Wolfgang Droege should be cited for contempt of court. At issue is whether the Front broke a court agreement against using further messages until a Canadian Human Rights Tribunal had resolved whether the messages subjected minority groups to hatred or contempt. The court hearing was adjourned to August. *Toronto Globe+Mail 93-04-07*

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CONFRONT THE FRONT

To all Community Organizations

Dear Friends,

On January 25, the Ontario Human Rights Commission begins hearings concerning the Heritage Front's telephone hotline.

The Heritage Front and other neo-Nazi groups plan to march against the court both to intimidate witnesses and anti-fascists and to demonstrate their strength.

In response, **Anti-Racist Action** is organizing a large, broad-based, ~~non-violent~~ counter-demonstration to stop the Heritage Front's action at the courthouse. We are counting on anti-racists everywhere to join us in the defence of all our communities. Anti-racists will gather at the **south end of Queen's Park at 8:15 AM** to march on the courts and confront Toronto's fascist movement.

The Heritage Front is a Toronto-based organization that acts as a front for the neo-Fascist movement. Lately they have stepped up their activities by leafletting neighbourhoods, posterizing and recruiting in high schools, hosting international neo-fascist speakers, holding rallies, making bomb threats, vandalizing community centres, peddling their hate... The Heritage Front is networking and building with Church of the Creator, Aryan Resistance Movement and a handful of KKK factions in this city.

HF operates a telephone hotline for the Toronto Region, where they viciously attack immigrants, people of colour, First Nation peoples, the Jewish community, women, lesbians and gays, people with HIV and AIDS, and anti-fascists. This hotline is a propaganda tool, but more importantly it is also used to recruit and organize secret meetings and gatherings.

Anti-Racist Action's past opposition to the Heritage Front has been safe and effective because many people have responded to our call. Our well disciplined demonstrations have resulted in no arrests, injuries or violent confrontations. Our actions have included:

- Sept. 29, 1992: The Heritage Front organized a march on the Courthouse to defend their hotline. With 40 hours notice, a counterdemonstration was organized which brought out 120 people, far outnumbering the racists. ARA was born.

The Heritage Front about themselves:

"The Heritage Front is a 'racial separatist group.' We confront things that are anti-white like multiculturalism, employment equity, etc. We are out for the world, we are building local groups across Canada to address local issues."

HF hotline, Nov. 13/92

"White Revolution is the only solution, proudly we display this slogan, we shout it until we yell ourselves hoarse. We've all seen this maxim printed with the drawing of a masked gunman next to this motto, looking like he means business, just like we all mean business..." *UP FRONT, (HF publication) Jan. '92*

"There is a solution - it has been tried and it works pretty well. In the United States it was called segregation. In South Africa it's called Apartheid, or Separateness."

UP FRONT, June '92

"Once freed from the tremendous financial and social burden of educating the 'unteachable,' of making Blacks perform 'like Whites,'... White America, can, and will once again soar with the eagles, instead of having to work with turkeys on the ground."

UP FRONT, June '92

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- Dec. 19, 1992 ARA responded to the rise in queer-bashings in Montreal — and the queer-bashings in Toronto carried out by young KKK and Heritage Front thugs. About 450 people marched in Toronto's gay neighbourhood and showed them that we do take back our streets.

- ARA is meeting with students, teachers and the Board of Education to share information and develop strategies for getting far right propaganda and recruitment out of the schools.

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**We urge you to march with
us to stop these promoters
of racism and hatred.**

MONDAY • JANUARY 25 • 8:15AM

SOUTH END OF QUEEN'S PARK

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HERITAGE FRONT PROPAGANDA CONTINUED

"Germans have always taken great pride in their racial homogeneity. ...In Rostock, the Germanic tribal spirit once again asserted itself, making everyone who is German, or part German, proud of his heritage and his ancestral roots..."

UP FRONT, Oct. '92

"It's a sad day for South Africa., It's a dark day for an overwhelmed white minority, whose forefathers colonized an uninhabited area,... who allowed tribes unlike their own to cross their borders and live among them, only to be overtaken in the end and also in that their fair-weather friends had turned away from them. Their story is not unfamiliar...Take a good look at South Africa. They are We..."

UP FRONT, Oct. '92, on the release of Nelson Mandela

"Right-thinking environmentalists must begin to see that the White race is just as worthy of preservation, if not more so, than other endangered species. Given our status as the repository of virtually all wisdom and truth, life on Earth without the exceptional contribution of the peoples of the West would be very bleak indeed."

UP FRONT, Dec. '92



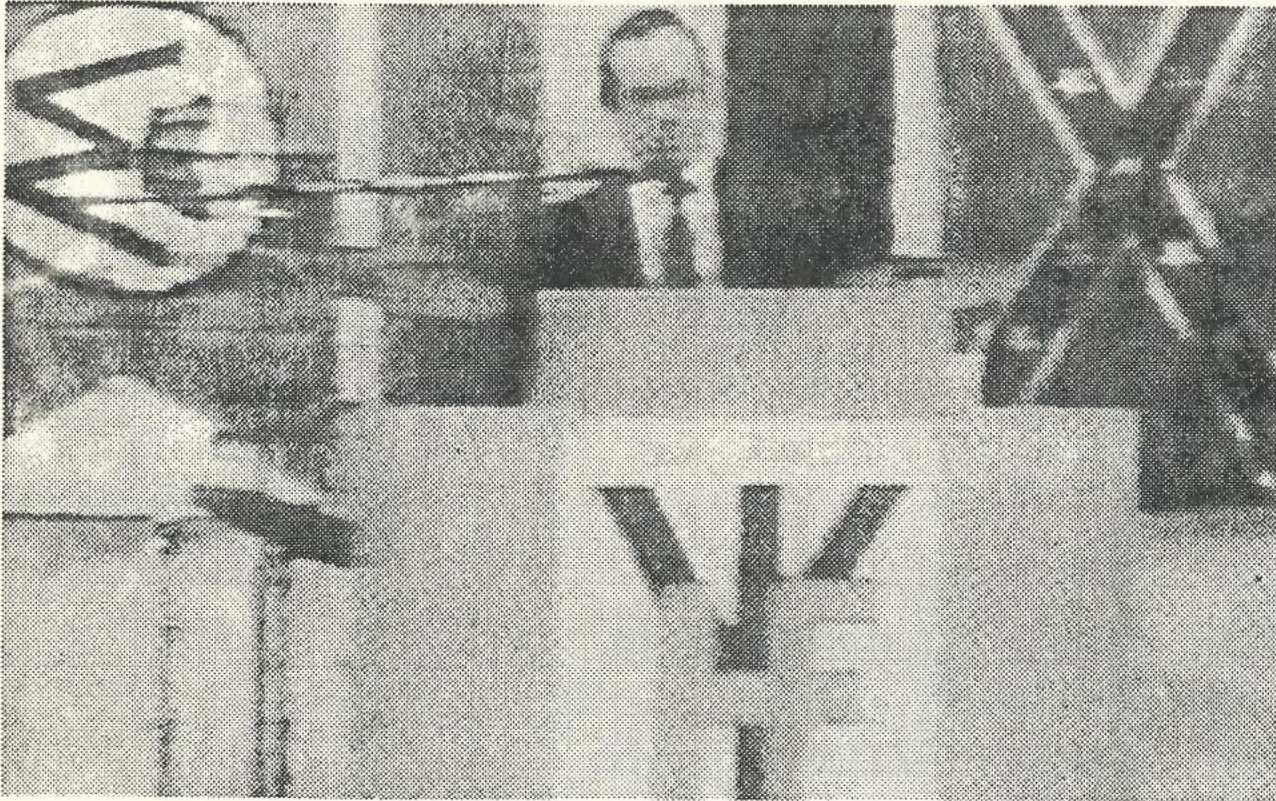
NAZIS SHOULDN'T TEACH IN OUR SCHOOLS!

DEMONSTRATE FRIDAY APRIL 2

Start at 4:00 pm

AT 519 CHURCH ST. (NORTH OF WELLESLEY)

MARCH on the MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AT BAY & WELLESLEY



Paul Fromm addressing a 1990 Heritage Front rally. Fromm's group, Citizens for Foreign Aid Reform, sold literature at this meeting. Pictured behind him are flags of the KKK and the paramilitary group Church of the Creator, and a large swastika is off to the side. He continues to speak at such meetings.

The Ministry of Education hired an independent investigator who determined that Fromm has not fulfilled his duties as a teacher under the Education Act, and that his presence as a teacher has had an adverse effect on the school community.

WE DEMAND THE MINISTRY ACT NOW TO SHOW ITS COMMITMENT TO ANTI-RACIST EDUCATION.



DEMANDS:

- Fromm's teaching certificate be revoked
- Fromm be fired from his teaching position
- Priority be given to anti-racist education NOW
- Other teachers with racist or neo-Nazi links be investigated

PARTIAL LIST OF ENDORSERS:
Ontario Federation of Students
OPIRG/Toronto
South African Information Centre
No [redacted] Group

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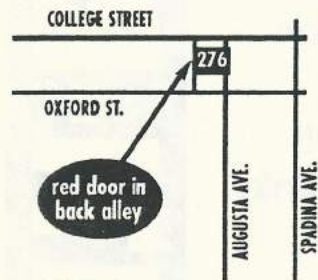
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Doors open 9 pm • cover \$3 sliding scale
BENEFIT FOR ANTI-RACIST ACTION
South African Centre, 276 Augusta
REAR ENTRANCE (SEE MAP)
FOOD & DRINKS



ANTI-RACIST ACTION



Confront the Heritage Front

This Friday, the Heritage Front (a white-supremacist hate group) will be holding a public meeting featuring international figures in the broader neo-Nazi movement as a victory celebration for British holocaust revisionist David Irving.

Anti-racist counter demonstration

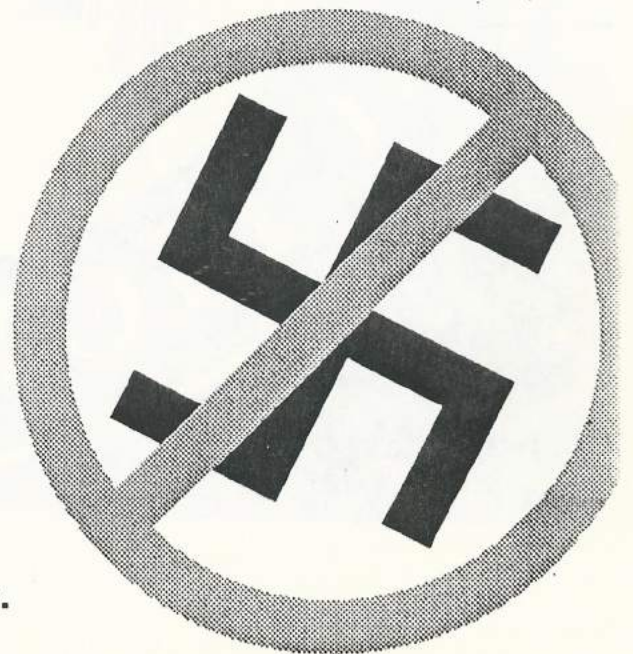
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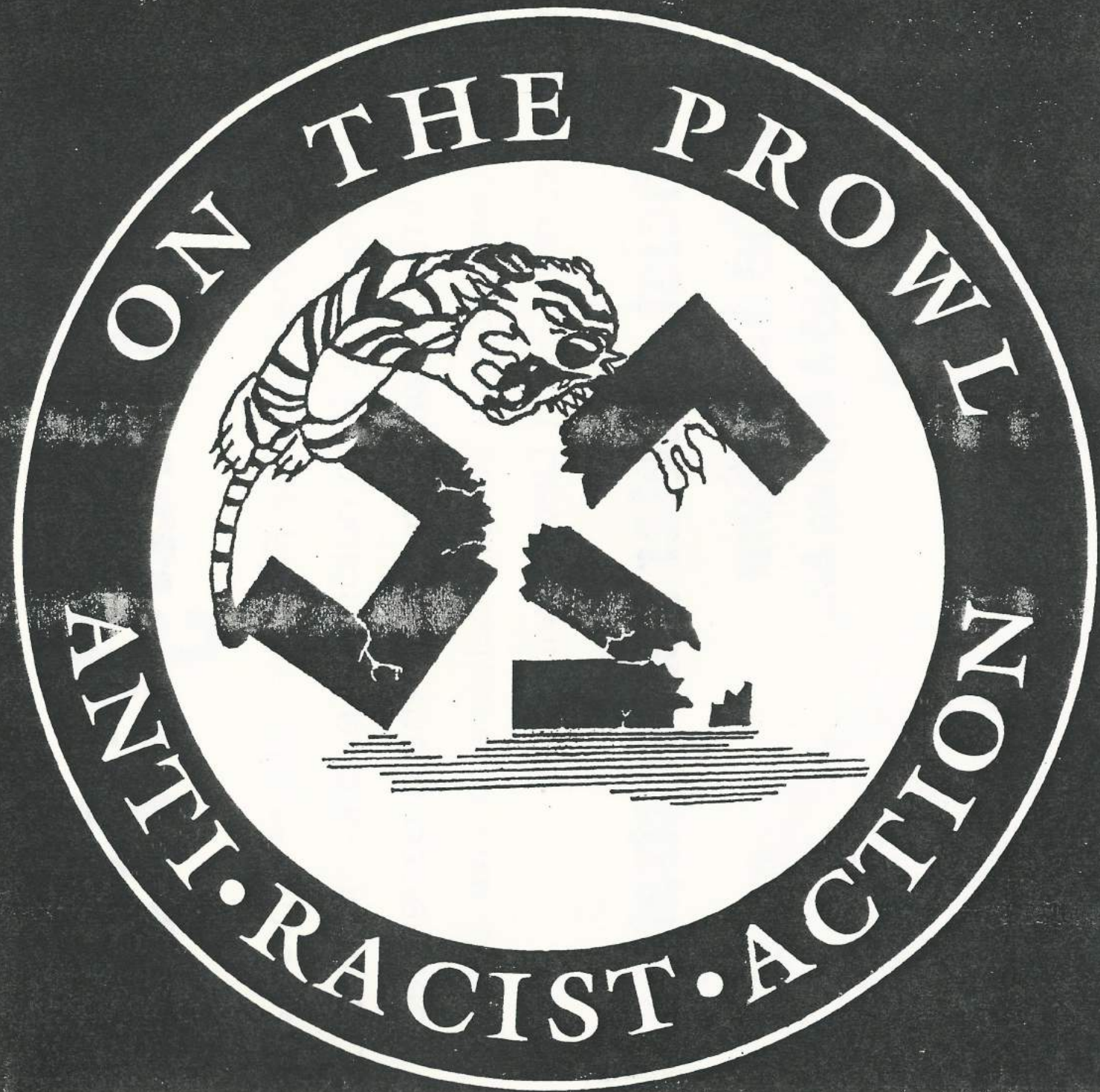
**Meet at Kytes, 169-A Augusta Ave.,
in Kensington Market**

We must mobilize to expose and counter neo-Nazi organizing in our city and show that racism & hatred aren't welcome here.

Childcare & food will be available at Kytes.

Anti-Racist Action





QUEERS FIGHT BACK



ANTI-RACIST ACTION

On November 30th, 1992, a gay man, Yves LaLonde, was beaten to death in Montreal by a group of Neo-Nazis. Yves LaLonde is the ninth gay man to be murdered in the last two years. While the attackers in the previous murders remain unknown, the latest murder is thought to have been carried out by a white-supremacist organization - White Power Canada. Six young neo-nazis were arrested and charged with first-degree murder, which has been understood to be part of an initiation process which includes queer bashing as a prerequisite to joining the organization - unfortunately neither the organization nor the attack are isolated incidents.

Yesterday's papers carried news of yet another gay man who was beaten to death on Saturday Dec. 12th because he was 'believed to be gay'. Another gay man was bashed earlier at the same location, a road-side stopover which is used by gay men as a meeting place. It has been the site of at least 60 bashings in the last few months, despite the fact that these attacks were reported to the police - who had done nothing in response. Even with the most recent murder, the pigs are refusing to lay any murder charges.

History and Connections

As is so clear in the murder carried out by WHITE POWER CANADA, the far-right and their various outfits have acted as a catalyst for this violence and hatred. Through increasing propaganda, organizing and recruitment efforts, the right has been fomenting the racism, sexism, anti-semitism, division amongst the working class and homophobia which lies at the core of their ideology.

While we fully understand that the far-right has no monopoly on homophobia and queer bashing, we must recognize the significant position this holds in their agenda and the threat they pose to us all. Victory for the Nazis in Germany of the 1930's saw hundreds of thousands of lesbians and gays rounded up, imprisoned in concentration camps and gassed along with 10 million other victims of the Nazi regime.



The neo-fascist movements of today have maintained this agenda and make no secret of it, as is clear from a few quotes;

"We must endorse and support the law of God, which calls for the death penalty to the faggot slime... we endorse and seek the execution of all homosexuals" - Thom Robb
Imperial Wizard of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan

"I Don't see anything wrong with gay bashing. If queers don't wanna get bashed, they ought to... Stop being queers!"

- KKK letter to National Lesbian and Gay Task Force.

Aryan Nations of Canada said on their hotline:

"Thank god for AIDS... Race mixing leads to homosexuality"

The Rise of the Right in Canada

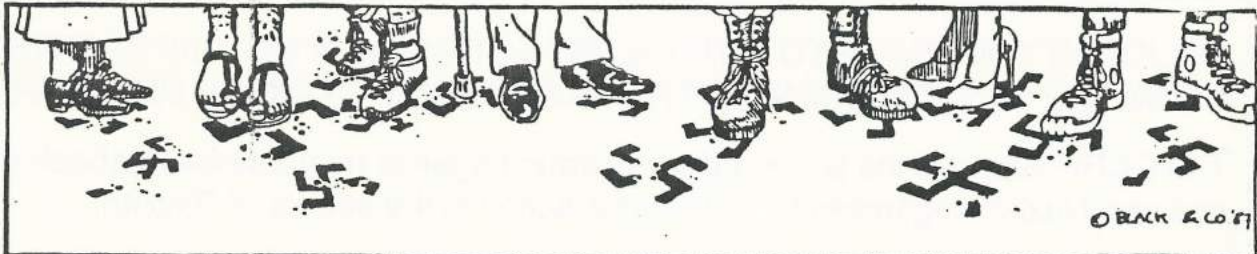
The past year has seen an increase in fascist organizing efforts across the country. A network of hotlines and groups have been established across the country. Alberta, Manitoba, Ottawa and Montreal have seen a number of vicious attacks and murders of queers, perpetrated by these groups.

Toronto

Toronto's neo-Fascist movement is seen as a vanguard by white supremacists across Canada. The Heritage Front, Church of the Creator, Aryan Resistance Movement and a handful of KKK factions are networking and building in this city. The Heritage Front, which acts as a front for Toronto's neo-fascist movement, has been leafletting neighbourhoods, posting and recruiting in high schools, hosting international neo-fascist speakers, holding rallies, making bomb threats, vandalizing community centers, peddling their hate... AND BASHING HERE TOO! They have also been linked to the bombing of the Morgentaler abortion clinic. Yet at the same time they have attempted to present themselves as a legitimate political movement.

Silence = Death

The rise of Fascism relies on our fear and our silence. We cannot turn a blind eye while they poison our youth with their lies and hatred, instill fear in our communities and murder our brothers and sisters. We cannot allow them to organize in our city and march on our streets. We must ACT UP AND FIGHT BACK! The power to defeat fascism lies in our hands. We must educate and mobilize our communities, stop their organizing in our schools and TAKE BACK OUR STREETS!



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ARA came together in response to increased organizing efforts of the far-right and is committed to exposing and opposing these scum. We are organizing workshops and counter-leafletting in high schools; reaching out to different communities and bringing people out onto the streets to show the strength of our opposition as well as our commitment to a multi-racial, multi-cultural, sexually diverse and fun society.

ARA is an open group which makes consensus decision-making a priority. Our meetings are wheelchair accessible and child care is provided. This is what we've done so far:

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We are here tonight to respond to the rise in queer-bashings in Montreal – and the queer-bashings in Toronto carried out by young KKK and Heritage Front thugs. They have shown that they are capable and indeed willing to murder. In Toronto, we must stop the killing before it starts. We must organize opposition to neo-Nazis before it is too late. **We're taking back our neighbourhoods, our schools, our communities, and our streets.**

ANTI-RACIST ACTION, P.O. BOX 664, STATION C, TORONTO M6J 3S1

**SOLIDARITY MESSAGE TO ANTI-RACIST ACTION AGAINST GAY BASHING
FROM THE CANADIAN CENTRE ON RACISM AND PREJUDICE IN MONTREAL:**

The CCRP supports the present demonstration against homophobia, lesbophobia and neo-Nazism organized by Anti-Racist Action in the streets of Toronto.

...

We must send a clear message to the hatemongers and the White Supremacists; we will not tolerate intolerance and prejudice.

Homophobia and Lesbophobia are an integral part of the neo Nazi program. Homophobic violence is committed by organized members of hate groups or may be the result of individual action that reflects the hatred and bigotry present in society. But, regardless of the source, such violence challenges all citizens who wish to preserve and fight for equality. We must realize that the fight against homophobia and lesbophobia is an integral part of our struggle against racism and other bigotries. An action like the one organized tonight in Toronto sends a clear message to the Far-Right; we will stand united and we will build a unified movement to combat racism, sexism, homophobia and bigotry in our society. It is by mobilizing all forces at the community level that we will best combat bigotry in our society. We will not remain silent and we will organize.

A few seconds on the street

COPS DO HERITAGE FRONT'S DIRTY WORK

"VARSITY"
UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
February 1/93

In a quiet corner of the Ontario Court of Appeals, Heritage Front leader Gary Schipper is praising the police protection of his group to two reporters.

"They did an exemplary job. They did real good."

An hour before, a group of 400 anti-racist demonstrators stood in rows of 15 abreast outside the court house, their arms linked together. It was a peaceful demonstration. Peaceful enough for reporters to interview four spokespeople from interest groups for TV news spots; peaceful enough for members of the Native Canadian Centre to linger outside, smoking cigarettes before entering the courtroom where the Centre was asking the Canadian Human Rights Commission to ban the Heritage Front's hotline.

It was peaceful until a group of Heritage Front members with a police escort began marching towards the courthouse from the east side of Nathan Philips Square. Then all hell broke loose. As seven mounted police in riot gear drove their horses into the Anti-Racism Action (ARA) crowd, beating protestors about the head and shoulders with their riding crops, members of the Heritage Front, bearing Canadian and American Confederate flags and a banner that read "Equal Rights for Whites" marched into the court house, shouting "Fuck you" at the demonstrators.

In the aftermath of the incident, people have argued that the police had no choice, that the members of the Heritage Front had been subpoenaed to appear before the Human Rights Commission and therefore had the right to enter the courthouse.

But the fact remains that there is something essentially wrong with the end result. There is something wrong with police attacking a group of demonstrators whose only crime was to care enough about the ideals of equality and multiculturalism to stand for hours in sub-zero

weather, while a group of people who preach white supremacy and hatred were given top-of-the-line police protection. There is something wrong with the fact that the police, in this situation, managed to create violence instead of preventing it.

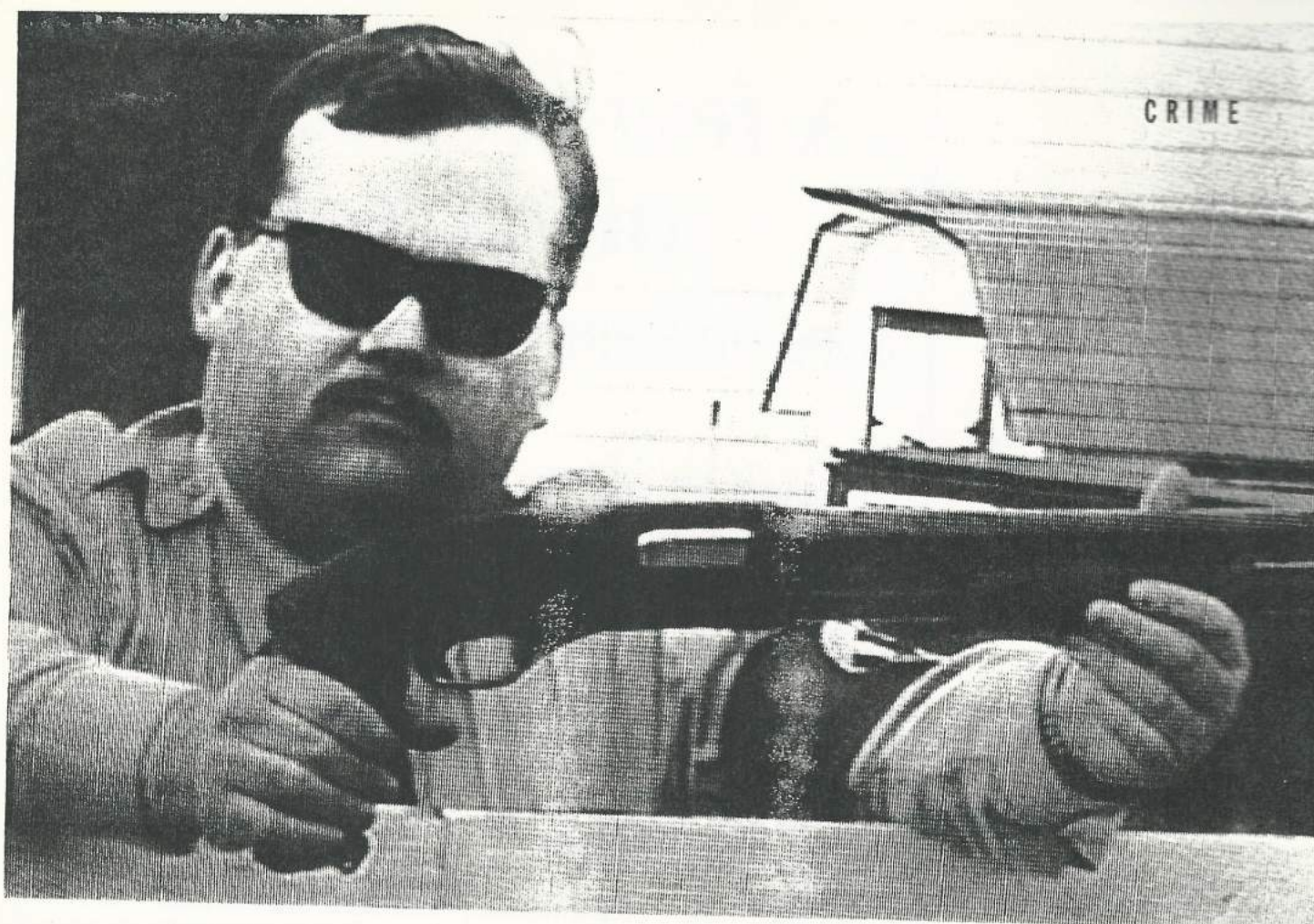
If we can believe Wolfgang Droege's comment in *The Ryersonian* that he wished police would not be at the courthouse so that he could "have it out" with the demonstrators, then we can only assume that he must have been pleased to see the police doing his dirty work for him.

There are questions about Monday's incident that have yet to be answered. For example, why did the rights of Heritage Front members to enter the courthouse outweigh the rights of Anti-Racism Action members to peacefully show their support for the Native Canadian Centre outside? And why did the police allow Heritage Front members to enter the courthouse through the very door that the ARA was gathered in front of when there are at least three other entrances to the court that would not have led to confrontation?

Members of the B'nai Brith and Canadian Jewish Congress may argue that the most important battles against racial bigotry are won through the judicial system. But one has to ask, how effective are laws if the police who enforce the laws have such poor interpretations of them that they can turn a peaceful demonstration into a violent melee? Battles won decisively in the courts can be lost in a few seconds on the streets.

In an ironic moment in the aftermath of the incident, a police officer dutifully shields injured ARA demonstrators from a crowd of reporters. These are the very people his partners were attacking just minutes ago. When reporters shout questions at him about why police turned on the demonstrators, he ignores them and stares into the middle distance. He has nothing to say.

Nicole Nolan



“Führer of Saskatchewan”

Long before he went to jail for killing Leo LaChance, Carney Nerland was well known for his close links with white supremacists and neo-Nazi groups. But what were his connections with the police?

A lot of police officers have advised David LaChance to be patient over the years. Sitting at a picnic table in downtown Prince Albert, drinking a cup of coffee on an August morning, he lists the occasions. First, when his sister, Virginia, was murdered in 1967, while away working in the sugar-beet fields of Alberta. Every time he called the RCMP to ask about the case they told him to be patient, until finally he was so patient he didn't call. Then again, five years ago, when his uncle Sam disappeared in Prince Albert. He and others in the native community suspected foul play; Sam LaChance was not the type to go missing. The city police preferred its own theory: Sam had decided to take a trip and just hadn't come home yet. The native community formed search parties, which turned up no trace, but David LaChance

says that every time he tried to push the police, even a little, to investigate, they made him feel as if he was taking up valuable time. His uncle is still missing; his sister's murderer was never apprehended.

And then there was the night of January 28, 1991, when the RCMP tracked LaChance down in the Cree community of Big River, 120 kilometres north of Prince Albert, to tell him that his brother, Leo, had been found shot on a city street. On the surface, Leo's death has required

less patience of David LaChance. The police were able to tell him who did it: Carney Nerland, the owner of a gun, pawn, and Nazi-paraphernalia shop a few yards along River Street from where Leo collapsed. And when, in what seemed to David a typical devaluing of a native life, Nerland swiftly pleaded guilty to manslaughter and was tucked away for a ▶

by Lisa Kowal

"Führer"

four-year term in the Prince Albert Correctional Centre, there was an uproar. Native politicians, along with the LaChance family, pressed for an inquiry into Leo's death. The big question: why were the police so easily convinced the shooting was an accident, a mere slip of the finger, by a man who was an avowed racist and the leader of the Aryan Nations movement in Saskatchewan?

The Aryan Nations, an international neo-Nazi organization with its headquarters in Hayden Lake, Idaho, was certainly no friend of the continent's aboriginal peoples. One of dozens of racist organizations operating throughout the world (linked by everything from computer networks and newsletters to shared paramilitary camps and joint assassination schemes), the Aryan Nations has built itself a fortress in Hayden Lake where its leader, "Pastor" Richard Butler, and his followers cohabit with guns of all imaginable shapes and sizes. Before his arrest the twenty-seven-year-old Nerland flaunted his connections to this group; he'd been called "the Führer of Saskatchewan." It's not surprising that, when police announced that the shooting of Leo LaChance was accidental, native people protested. Grandmothers staged a silent vigil, walking from the place where the body was found to the courthouse. Media from outside Prince Albert added to the pressure by coming to the northern city to tell the story of the Cree trapper and the white supremacist who claimed he forgot he put three bullets in the semiautomatic he was playing with when LaChance walked through his door.

For the first time, David LaChance's patience seemed to be paying off. A year after the shooting the provincial attorney general and minister of justice, Robert Mitchell, announced a public inquiry into Leo LaChance's death, to be chaired by Ted Hughes, the former B.C. conflict-of-interest commissioner who had investigated Bill Vander Zalm. The inquiry's mandate seemed aimed at revealing the truth: Hughes and his two colleagues (one of them native) were to examine the police investigation of the shooting and the possible influence on law-enforcement processes of racism and racist groups. Mitchell confidently announced that the inquiry "will be able to consult the RCMP and the Prince Albert City Police, who have assured us of their full cooperation... [and will] make available to the panel such information as they have with respect to white suprema-



From top left: David LaChance; murder victim Leo LaChance; the family's lawyer, Gerry Morin; Prince Albert policemen Jerry Novotny, Peter Mesluk, and Dave Demkiw; Nerland's associates Roy McKnight, Darwin Bear, and Russell Yungwirth; Nerland at an Alberta Aryan Fest

cist groups and people and activities."

But then, as the hearings got under way in April, 1992, the evasions began. There were holes in the picture witnesses were able to put together of the three days between the shooting and the laying of the manslaughter charge against Nerland. It turned out that Corporal Andy Lawrence of the Regina RCMP (which does not normally investigate possible homicides) had called Sergeant Peter Mesluk, one of the investigating officers, two days after LaChance was shot. What did he want? What went on at a subsequent meeting that included Lawrence, Mesluk, and the Prince Albert Crown attorney, John Field, who decided that the charge should be manslaughter?

Mesluk told the inquiry that Lawrence had told him and the others the name of the RCMP's informant on the Aryan Nations. But before he could reveal the name, the RCMP lawyer, Martel Popescul, strenuously objected. Mesluk was then asked if the informant was "anyone who has an interest in the outcome of

these proceedings or anyone whose conduct is under review in these proceedings." Again Popescul objected. Being forced to reveal the identity of the informant would jeopardize all RCMP informants everywhere, his argument went. The inquiry was forced to shut down as it appealed the issue to a higher court.

The higher court ruled in August, in favour of the RCMP. And there sat David LaChance at a picnic table in Prince Albert wondering whether patience was the appropriate response to an inquiry that looked as if it was going to founder on RCMP self-protection. Because he could short-circuit it all. He knew the name of the informant. The RCMP had confided in Gerry Morin, counsel for the LaChance family and the Prince Albert Tribal Council. Morin had felt legally obliged to reveal the name to his clients. Morin had also told LaChance that justice takes a long time to achieve, that the inquiry was going to appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada, which might take a different view. But David LaChance was

getting sick of waiting. He was thinking of shouting the name in a loud voice in a public place just to see what would happen. The name might blow the lid off.

Carney Nerland, charged with manslaughter, had pleaded guilty, which meant no trial. Because there had been no public opportunity to examine the events leading up to Leo's death, David LaChance had never even been able to pull together a picture of the night his brother died. At least in the earliest days of the inquiry the witnesses had told him something.

Leo LaChance had been hitchhiking towards Prince Albert on the afternoon

5:30, Katz Brothers was closed. It was -21°C, and the wind off the North Saskatchewan River swirled bits of snow along the sidewalk. He had thirty cents in his pocket, and the store beside Katz's, the Northern Pawn and Gun Shop, was still open. Maybe he thought he could sell the furs there; maybe he thought the shopkeeper would know where Arnold Katz was. He decided to go in.

Inside the store, three white men were standing at the counter. Whether as some form of sick joke or carelessness with his firearm (or murderous contempt for an Indian), the man behind the counter fired two shots from a Russian-made semiauto-

heart attack. He ran to the nearest open store to phone for an ambulance — the Northern Pawn and Gun Shop. Three men were having a drink at the counter and one of them told him there was no phone in the building. Koroll ran around the corner to the A&W, found a pay phone, and called 911.

When he returned to LaChance, another man was huddled close to the prone form on the sidewalk. Maurice Morin had grown up at Big River. The two Indians were speaking Cree, which Koroll didn't understand, but he waited until the ambulance came before he went home. Morin testified that what LaChance was ▶



Nerland said he forgot he'd put three bullets in the semiautomatic he was playing with when Leo LaChance walked into his gunshop

of January 28, with pelts from his trap line that he intended to sell. Chief John Keenatch and his daughter Patsy had picked LaChance up at Debden, just outside of Big River, and had dropped him off at the John Diefenbaker Bridge in downtown Prince Albert around 5:15, in the wintry early dark.

From the bridge LaChance had walked to Katz Brothers Furs on River Street. For over a hundred years Indians have brought their furs to the whites who trade them on River Street, and LaChance did business there a couple of times a year. But this time when he arrived, around

matic rifle into the floor, which encouraged Leo LaChance to leave. As LaChance was shutting the shop door another shot went off. He was hit by a full-metal-jacketed military bullet that pierced his left arm, went through his chest, and came to rest against his right ribcage.

LaChance had the strength to walk about fifty yards along River Street before he stumbled and collapsed on the sidewalk. Kim Koroll, who worked in the city engineering department, saw LaChance fall as he was driving home. It was an especially violent fall, and Koroll pulled over, thinking that the man had had a



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saying as he lay on the sidewalk was, "My brother, oh, my brother."

Paramedics Patrick Bellisle and Rob Ferland got the call at 6:39 p.m. They found LaChance on the sidewalk covered with a flannel sheet, though no-one could say who had put it over him. It was only in the ambulance on the way to Holy Family Hospital, followed by a police cruiser that had responded to the 911, that Bellisle removed LaChance's coat and saw blood. Ferland stopped the ambulance and told the officers in the cruiser that it looked like a knife or gunshot wound. In the ambulance LaChance was now muttering, passing in and out of consciousness; Bellisle thought he was saying gun shop or gunshot or both.

The police didn't get back to River Street until seven-thirty, the time it took for the officers in the cruiser to report the shooting to the station and for the station to send a team to the scene. Just after eight the police got Arnold Katz to open up his store; forcing a door in Katz's basement that led to the property he owned next door, the police found a firing range littered with spent ammunition. The police decided they should talk to its proprietor, Carney Nerland.

Nerland volunteered his first statement on the shooting just after midnight. At six that evening, he said, as he was closing up and doing paperwork, "two gentlemen came in... both males and white." He didn't feel "real comfortable with... them there... they're touching things and handling weapons... my back was turned, as I was putting things away. It was at this time I heard a shot go off. I didn't hear any screams or glass break. I turned around and this guy had a dumb look on his face and he passes the gun, an M-56, to me and smiles over at his friend. I took the gun, removed the magazine, placed the gun in the gun closet.... I would think the casing is on the floor somewhere.... At this point, I'm traumatized.... There are two of them and one of me, and like I said, there were no other persons in the store. Just me and these two guys. I don't recall an Indian being in the store after 6 p.m.

"The only other person that came in was a fellow that wanted to borrow the phone... he had stated something to the effect that someone had fallen on the ice. I just wanted to get out of this situation. I just told him no.... Then the guy looked at me and said 'Keep your fucking mouth shut.' This was the guy who had shot the gun.... The two guys shuffled off and

I quickly finished my business, set my alarm, and closed. I just wanted to get out of there."

As the police took Nerland's statement, Leo LaChance died on the operating table at the Royal University Hospital in Saskatoon, where he had been transferred by ambulance. It didn't become clear that Nerland was lying through his teeth until the next afternoon, when the "two guys" showed up at the police station to volunteer their version of events. By that time,

Nerland's business and personal lives were tangled up with those he was supposed to hate: his landlord was Jewish; his partner was native

Nerland was headed for his father's house in Alberta, to pick up a van. Since he'd cooperated so nicely with the investigation, even calling to ask if he could leave the province, the police had given him permission to go.

The "two guys" were hardly strangers. Russell Yungwirth, a prison guard at the time, had gone to high school with Nerland, and Gar Brownbridge had also known Nerland for some time. Yungwirth isn't a prison guard any more; the job became far too stressful after his friend shot an Indian, since the prison population he was guarding was eighty per cent native. Now he pumps gas and takes his coffee breaks at the South Hill Inn in Prince Albert, where the clientele is predominantly white and male. (South Hill is on the edge of Prince Albert; it's an unwritten rule that aboriginals, who make up a third of the city's population of 35,000, do their drinking downtown.) Yungwirth doesn't want to talk about the shooting. "I don't have anything to say that I didn't already tell the inquiry, now do you mind leaving?" The word on the street is that Yungwirth knows a lot more than he told the inquiry, but has to watch his back about what he says. If the natives

don't get him, the Aryan Nations will.

His testimony before Hughes and the other commissioners was that he and Nerland and Brownbridge had been drinking and "talking about the Gulf War" before LaChance arrived. LaChance had asked if anyone wanted to buy a .303 rifle. Nerland, who was behind the counter, started shooting into the floor. LaChance didn't seem afraid, and took his time about leaving the store. As the door banged shut, another bang went off; Nerland was left with "a dumb look on his face." Then Brownbridge said, "You silly bugger. You probably put a bullet in my car," and went to the front of the store to check.

When Brownbridge testified, he said he hadn't seen anyone on the sidewalk. And that Nerland had declared, "I don't remember it having three rounds." The three of them then tidied up, Nerland set the alarm, and they left the store, climbing into Brownbridge's car.

Nerland took three rifles with him, and as they drove to the local Canadian Tire, where Brownbridge had an errand to run, Yungwirth held the guns on his lap in the back seat. Yungwirth testified that Nerland was complaining about the bad day he was having. "He kept repeating that, you know, he's screwed, he's - he's fucked, according to him, and that you know, it's going to be - they're going to - they're going to blow this all up and make a big racial thing out of it, and they're going to bring everything in his past.... He said, 'If I shot him, I'm fucked.'" When Yungwirth and Brownbridge dropped Nerland back at the shop to pick up his car, they said they looked up and down the streets, and saw no-one, no police, no ambulance. The "two guys" heard that LaChance had been shot the next morning on the radio, called a lawyer for advice, and then went to the police.

On January 30, 1991, the RCMP picked up Nerland at his father's home in Coronation, Alberta. Back in Prince Albert, Judge T.W. Ferris denied Nerland bail, saying, "He is very liable to run if given the chance." Ferris also said that the evidence presented at a preliminary hearing might lead to the laying of a more serious charge, because "it could possibly justify the conclusion the defendant knew perfectly well the gun was loaded and... deliberately shot so close to the victim when he was (*Continued on page 68*)"

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(Continued from page 18) near the door he took the risk of injuring or killing him."

Nerland didn't give anyone the opportunity of cross-examining his two friends at a preliminary hearing or of digging into his white-supremacist activities. He waived his right to a preliminary hearing. Better to take the plea and serve the time.

From the outside, the character of Carney Milton Nerland, racist, raises more than a few questions. His business life and even his personal life were strangely tangled up in relationships with those he was supposed to abhor. As a backdrop to Nerland's gun transactions, a VCR in the store often ran tapes of Hitler speeches and Holocaust deniers; prominently displayed were Nazi flags, a KKK outfit, imitation brown shirts, even a sign that forbade blacks to enter. How had a Jewish landlord come to rent to such a man?

Arnold Katz's own store is almost bare. There's a couch, a counter, a few trapping maps, an ancient safe in the corner, and, in the window, metal scraps, which he buys and sells along with furs. He's been in business since 1928 and, at ninety, still opens daily. He's five-foot-four, maybe 150 pounds, and looks seventy-five, tops.

He is standing, as balanced as a statue, on the radiator grille in the floor. Why sit when you can stand? He's reading the *Western Jewish News* from Winnipeg. A pair of deer antlers decorates the space above him, in symmetry with the newspaper he's holding.

"I've said all I know. Ask the police, there was a police car outside his store every time I looked out my window. I used to ask him, why are the police always there? Are you in trouble? No, he'd say, they buy my guns. So ask them what happened, you think I want my store burned down?"

"They'd burn your store?"

"Who knows? They vandalized the synagogue in 1985. Swastikas everywhere. There's always been the racism. The congregation sold the synagogue in '87, all the kids moved away. There's maybe three Jews left in this town. We used to have forty-five families - Orthodox."

Katz's congregation had always sponsored the award to the top math student at Nerland's high school, though Nerland himself didn't make it past grade ten in that subject and wasn't in class very often.

Still, Katz says that Nerland was always nice to him, and that he never imagined Nerland took the Nazi stuff seriously. A

former customer of Northern Pawn and Gun says Nerland used to joke about killing his Jewish landlord. Just a joke, right? Didn't mean it. But you have to wonder. Did Nerland also make jokes about Darwin Bear, the twenty-six-year-old Indian who owned the pawn side of the Northern Pawn and Gun Shop? Bear was blond-haired and blue-eyed, and he left all the decisions to Nerland. (Bear told the inquiry he'd been getting death threats from Indians since the shooting. A.J. Felix, the

ther, left his wife, Vera, and moved to Alberta a few years ago, but back then he cut a bit of a swath. In Prince Albert he's still known as "Big Bob" from the motorcycle column he once wrote for the *Prince Albert Daily Herald*, "Big Bob on Bikes." He used to tool around town on his bike wearing his old German motorcycle helmet with the Iron Cross on it. Carney's mother was religious, but nice enough, people say. She's still religious - she stands on street corners in downtown Prince

Nerland didn't fear "some ninety-pound Indian with a butter knife" would get him in prison; still he was put into protective custody

chief of the Prince Albert Tribal Council, describes the Bear family as "pretty powerful businessmen" but he figures Darwin Bear and all his relatives should close up shop. "There's a boycott of the Bears. No-one's having anything to do with these guys. Nothing. They're finished.")

Katz and Bear were not the only anomalies. Nerland's wife was a South American he'd married in Chile in 1987; she filed for divorce in 1992. According to a written statement and a sworn affidavit given to Prince Albert police by two of Jackie Nerland's acquaintances, her husband physically abused her, imprisoning her in their house. He threatened that, if she ran to the other Chilean expatriates in Prince Albert, he'd kill her and all her Spanish-speaking friends. She had no reason to disbelieve him. Nerland was usually to be found cradling, cleaning, or stroking a gun, automatic, semiautomatic, or shotgun. Jackie Nerland's friends say there's no possibility she'll talk about Nerland, because she's frightened for herself and their five-year-old daughter. In fact, she and Nerland have both sworn that the allegations of abuse are untrue.

Where are the clues to the inner life of Carney Nerland? Nerland's not talking, his parents and his brother, Alfen, are not talking, and even acquaintances hesitate, just in case the movement he represents is as potent as it likes to think itself. The life portrait is sketchy.

Nerland spent his first eight years in Rouleau, Saskatchewan, a small town near Regina. His family moved to Prince Albert in 1973. Bob Nerland, Carney's fa-

Albert with copies of *Awake* and *The Lighthouse*.

His neighbours say that by junior high young Milton (he prefers Carney now) was spray-painting swastikas anywhere he could find a flat surface. He'd also march up and down the street, dressed in a uniform and carrying a rifle over his shoulder. In high school, he wore his hair in a crew cut and dressed in brown military shirts, pants, and jackboots. "Milton seemed like a normal guy for a while," says one of his classmates from his three semesters in high school, as he thumbs through old yearbooks, "until one day he was sitting in the hall laughing his head off. My friend and I went over to see what was so funny. He'd drawn all these people getting their heads cut off. He thought decapitation was a scream."

The thing his teachers remember about him is that he was a walking encyclopedia on German Second World War history. (Within the Aryan Nations he would become known as Kurt Meyer, after the famous commander of the 12th SS Panzer Hitlerjugend. Eighteen Canadian POWs under Meyer's care in Normandy had been shot in a courtyard behind his command post, and Meyer was tried and convicted as a war criminal.) Nerland also impressed teachers with his intelligence in the brief time before he dropped out. One remembers: "Milton was far from a stupid boy, though I think some of these guys would like you to think they're not very smart. I suppose we like to think that only someone too dull to understand what they are doing could get involved with that kind of group, but he was a ▶

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bright enough boy in school and he would have known exactly what he was doing later on in life."

What exactly was he doing? A few of the Chilean refugees living in Saskatchewan say that Nerland has international connections in the neo-Nazi movement. In his early twenties, he went to Chile frequently to buy antiques and antique coins. Where would a high-school dropout from Prince Albert get the cash to finance such a venture? It was all a front, say the Chileans; he was really participating in neo-Nazi training camps held in southern Chile. "So many Germans came after the war," says one Chilean, "and right-wing people always came for those camps" – to train for the coming holy race war.

In Saskatchewan, the Aryan Nations and the KKK are the racist organizations of choice. "They're not organized, or too smart, but they've got lots of money," says a firearms expert who has sold to Aryan Nations members. "And you better take the guys in the States really seriously. They've got guns, numbers, and power, and borders mean nothing to them." (In September, 1992, Rudy Stanko of the Church of the Creator, an American Aryan Nations sect, was caught at the Saskatchewan border with a false passport.)

Nerland's connections to the Aryan Nations go back to 1984, when he showed up at a congress in Hayden Lake – at nineteen, already an avowed Nazi. Terry Long, of Red Deer, Alberta, was also at that congress; a few months later Richard Butler appointed Long a High Aryan Warrior priest and the Alberta leader of the Church of Jesus Christ Christian-Aryan Nations. Nerland certainly knew Long, who became leader of the church for all of Canada in 1986.

Nerland, meanwhile, was "outed" as a Nazi as a result of his own strange fantasy life. Coming back from a trip to Louisiana on November 6, 1985, he tried to pass through Canada Customs at the Calgary airport as Kurt Meyer: he was carrying pictures of himself, dressed in a Nazi uniform, engaged in combat training and smashing a mannequin's head with a rifle butt. He had a Nazi Party ID card, the business cards of arms suppliers, and cassette tapes titled "Interrogation Techniques" and "Adolph Hitler on Victory." He told the immigration officer that he was "a member of a historical reenactment society." Before he could get back into the country he had to confess to his real identity.

Nerland definitely tried to recruit people for the movement. A former skinhead – another kid who, like Nerland, had trouble staying in school – says an Aryan Nations member from Saskatoon (who has made himself scarce since the LaChance shooting) put him in touch with Nerland. The gun-shop owner gave the kid books – a copy of *Mein Kampf* and one called *Bare Kills*, a manual on bare-handed killing techniques. "He had a lot of Identity Christian things in the store he said he'd donate to me; video tapes, books, clothing. That's the religion of the true chosen white Europeans. He said he could have them because of freedom of religion," the kid explains. "And he invited me to their church and army barracks and compound. He had a shooting range, too." All located on a farm near Prince Albert, says the kid, though he also says he never went. If he was really interested, Nerland told him, he could arrange to sponsor him for a trip to the Aryan Youth gathering in Hayden Lake. If he went he'd have to attend church, Nerland warned, but there would be all kinds of weapons to play with, all for free.

The Prince Albert police had known of Nerland's racist connections since the incident in the Calgary airport in 1985. And the police also knew that Nerland had taken part in a well-televised Aryan Fest in Provost, Alberta, in 1990 – just five months before the shooting – on the property of Ray Bradley, a member of the Alberta Aryan Nations. (The Alberta government held an inquiry into the Aryan Fest, and told Bradley and his supporters never to hold one again. Terry Long disappeared halfway through that inquiry; there's been a warrant out for his arrest ever since.) Nerland was photographed and video-taped in a Nazi uniform, carrying a shotgun; once again he called himself Kurt Meyer. He was responsible for security at the festival, supplying participants with firearms from the trunk of his car. On the stand at the Hughes inquiry, officers Troy Cooper and Ian Reiman admitted it was common knowledge that Nerland was a white supremacist, and also that Nazi gear and guns were the bulk of his business.

If it was such common knowledge, wondered David LaChance, why hadn't the authorities regarded Nerland as a threat? Only two Prince Albert policemen testified there was "cause for concern" over the fact that a gun-shop owner was a member of the Aryan Nations. Cooper and Reiman couldn't recall that they'd ever been asked to keep a special

eye on Nerland. Two officers had heard rumours in the police department that members of the force were sympathetic to the Aryan Nations; was this why Nerland seemed to be treated like one of the boys? As far as the police were concerned, Nerland operated his Aryan Nations organization by and for himself, and any presence the police had in his shop had to do with the buying or selling of firearms or checking for stolen pawn items. None of the police testifying at the inquiry allowed that Nerland's racial beliefs might have had a bearing on the shooting of Leo LaChance.

Three police officers involved with the LaChance investigation also swore that they had never in their years on the force heard a single police officer utter a racist comment, tell a racist joke, or speak about aboriginal people in a derogatory fashion.

If the Indians sitting listening to such testimony hadn't already felt intimidated just to be showing their faces where Prince Albert city police officers could see them, they might have hooted with derision. They know the score; any native who didn't know the score would have to have slept through the last 150 years. The faces of oppression and resistance have always been pretty plain in Prince Albert (though, in recent years, resistance has been underground and ad hoc). It's still in the forefront of many minds that Louis Riel, and chiefs Big Bear, Little Pine, Chacastapasin, Poundmaker, and, later, Almighty Voice mounted the last bloody battles against the North-West Mounted Police just south of Prince Albert. The NWMP decided to stay put in Prince Albert after the resistance and either threw the rebel Indians into the cellar of police headquarters or sent them to Stony Mountain penitentiary in Manitoba, or hanged them where Riel was hanged, in Regina. In the Rotary Museum of Police and Corrections, on the South Hill, WANTED posters of Big Bear, Poundmaker, and Almighty Voice are prominently displayed, along with torture devices that were commonplace in local prisons into the 1960s. Given the proportion of natives in the prisons, one can deduce who was tortured – or, in the wardens' minds, punished – with these devices. Adam Elder Constant, who works with native inmates in the six prisons in Prince Albert, doesn't understand why these devices are still so prominently on display: "Indians tortured people, I'm not saying we didn't. But we'd set the guy up in whatever way, and then leave him in the woods to die. The white man's torture is sexual ▶

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torture, and he tortures so he can watch."

One person's hero is another's felon. It's hard to fault the logic that assumes that many whites in Prince Albert still view natives through that lens: Correctional Services is the city's second-largest employer. The jail named after the city, the Prince Albert Correctional Centre, was built on land Indians had used for hundreds of years as a meeting place; to Indians the gesture illustrated the status quo. If white men who wore uniforms were being guarded in their revelations at the inquiry, it was to be expected: to the Indians, the police, the prison guards, and even Carney Nerland in his fake military gear, were part of the same brotherhood. As one said, it doesn't matter what colour of uniform a person is wearing if his desire is to beat you.

Finding someone willing to be more specific about native-police relations, though, is a harder job. The Gateway Mall is right across from the police department in downtown Prince Albert. Young native men used to get beaten up by certain security guards there for just about any reason the guards could think up. Then the native community threatened a boycott. Today, the mall employs aboriginal security guards and is one of the biggest supporters of native sports and cultural events in the area. It sounded like a safe place to canvass native opinion.

"What do you think of the local police? Do you think the system treats you the same as white people?" I would ask after sitting down beside a native person on one of the benches in the mall. The subject would look behind, look to both sides, look everywhere. Who was watching, listening in? "Don't need that kind of attention," they'd mutter. "There's rats here. For five bucks, they'll tell the cops."

Then they'd start to explain. If it was just them they had to worry about, they'd tell all, but there was family, too. "Sorry, can't tell you much, but I have a friend I think would talk to you. No, he doesn't have a phone, just ask around."

Several of these friends found me, still nervous, but willing to talk. In a safe place one of them, a young man who'd had his troubles with the law, sat down to look through the book *Prince Albert Police 100 Years 1886-1986*. Towards the back it turns into a yearbook, with photos of all those on the force at the time.

As the young native man turns the pages his face falls. "This guy, this guy's real bad" — he gives a brief description of the first few officers and then goes silent.

One hand turns the pages, and the other one points to photographs. When he gets to the end of the book, he does it all over again. This time he talks; he has nice things to say about some men; some others he doesn't know. Out of sixty-five officers then on the force, he has pointed out thirteen who would just as soon throw an Indian down a set of stairs as stop for coffee and doughnuts.

Chief Greg McCullagh of the Prince Albert Police Department says that you have to take such allegations with a grain of salt: "Those kind of complaints are so commonplace that the police are on the defensive all the time. I'm not saying there's not cause to make complaints but the vast majority are unfounded." He will not comment on the Nerland case except to say that his department will be exonerated when the inquiry winds up.

Reading through pages of inquiry transcripts and interviewing those principals who would allow themselves to be interviewed, I found it hard not to give some credence to the native view of a "brotherhood of uniforms" with racist attitudes. One of the most enigmatic appearances before the inquiry was that of Roy McKnight, an ex-prison guard who now works for the Saskatchewan department of natural resources. (Coincidentally, Nerland's brother, Alfen, works for the same department as a conservation officer.) McKnight, it turned out, had been in Nerland's shop the evening that LaChance was shot, and claimed to be Nerland's new business partner.

McKnight, says an acquaintance, was a racist like Nerland, who "started all this white supremacist stuff when he came home from the army. His whole personality changed. You could see it even in the way he walked." McKnight was a paratrooper in the Canadian Forces for seven years.

McKnight's brother Tom, also a prison guard, is powerful in the Saskatchewan Government Employees Union (SGEU); Tom was formerly vice president of the union. In 1989 Tom McKnight attended a shop-steward training school in southern Saskatchewan sponsored by SGEU; he was one of five union members who showed up dressed in Klan costumes. When a member of McKnight's local called for an investigation of the incident, he was told it was just a joke.

Roy McKnight was in and out of Nerland's store as if he owned it during the police investigation. At the inquiry, he said Nerland had deputized him to handle the outstanding business. (Nerland's

actual business partner, Darwin Bear, was apparently not asked to do the job.) Nerland, McKnight testified, had come to see him around 10:30 the night of the shooting, and they went for a drive for an hour and a half in -35°C weather so they could "discuss the Gulf War." Nerland showed up at the police station after that drive to give his first statement. At 2 a.m., after he finished with the police, he'd gone to the store, to "check on the alarm system." Nerland tried to leave with a locked file of "customers' names," but the police wouldn't let him and locked the file up in a gun cabinet. The next morning he went out for breakfast with McKnight; McKnight testified that he'd asked Nerland what was going on but that Nerland wouldn't answer: "When Milton does not want to answer a question, he doesn't answer a question."

Two days later, Roy McKnight showed up at the shop, which was still under police guard. What had been forbidden to Nerland was apparently okay for McKnight. He left with the locked file, no questions asked. Even at the inquiry, no one asked him what was in the file or what he had done with it.

Of course, the witness David LaChance was waiting for was Carney Nerland, who did not appear in the first round of hearings last year. Nerland had been transferred from Prince Albert to protective custody in Stony Mountain. Though he had told the police before he went to jail that he wasn't afraid "some ninety-pound Indian with a butter knife" would try to get him in prison, the publicity around the inquiry had got him worried. At first the inquiry could not even subpoena him because he was in the Manitoba pen; the Saskatchewan government had to pass a law granting inquiries the right to issue interprovincial subpoenas.

Not that Nerland's interests went entirely unregarded at the inquiry. Harold Pick, a retired Saskatchewan lawyer hired by the province's justice department to represent the prosecutors involved in the Nerland case, had a careful word to say on behalf of Nerland. For instance, when an RCMP ballistics expert testified that Nerland could not have helped noticing three bright brass bullets in the dark cartridge of his semiautomatic, Pick insisted on bringing in a man he knew, a retired ballistics expert from Regina, who would testify that brass bullets can tarnish and become indistinguishable from the surrounding cartridge.

Pick also advised the panel on two occasions that it was unfair to discuss inci-

dents that involved Nerland when Nerland did not have counsel present. As Pick told Ted Hughes, "I don't take a strong position one way or another, I just feel that it is my duty to this Commission to be as careful as I can be in the absence of counsel for Mr. Nerland." Later: "I know that if counsel for Mr. Nerland were here now, no doubt, he would be on his hind legs screaming murder."

Mind you, Pick had been full of ad hoc advice for others, even the police officers testifying. One day while the inquiry was on hold he ran into Sergeant Jerry Novotny and Staff Sergeant Dave Demkiw of the Nerland investigating team. "Listen," he told them, "I want you two to read over those transcripts, make sure you know what they say, because when the inquiry starts up, you're going to get grilled, not by me, of course, I'll go easy, but by some of those others." Those others, in Pick's view, included Gerry Morin, the LaChance family lawyer. One afternoon in a local coffee shop, he pointed at Morin across the room, and said, "There is racism and Nerland is a racist, but that Indian lawyer would magnify it ten times over." The Aryan Nations, in Pick's opinion, is a "church of one" and that one is still in jail.

David LaChance had another long wait from August, 1992, when his lawyer advised patience on the matter of the RCMP informant, to the first of November, when the Supreme Court turned down the motion to hear the appeal. As far as the highest court was concerned the inquiry could carry on without the name of the RCMP informant.

Gerry Morin once again counselled restraint to LaChance and the leaders of the twelve Indian bands that make up the Prince Albert Tribal Council, but his clients decided they were through with restraint. As Chief Allan Felix said in a crowded press conference the tribal council held on November 12, 1992, they felt it was time that all aspects of the truth be told – according to First Nations legal principles as opposed to British and Canadian common-law practices. They had been told that the name of the mystery police informant was Carney Nerland, and they wanted the world to know. In a CP wire story carried in major papers across the country, vice-chief Alphonse Bird said, "We believe racism had a lot to do with the sentencing of Carney Nerland. [He] bypassed the whole system.... It is tied in internally somehow – everybody knew about [Nerland's role] except the aboriginal peoples. Those questions

need to come out when the inquiry resumes – did the RCMP influence a police investigation? What sort of plea bargaining was done?"

The RCMP immediately issued a statement that the force would neither confirm nor deny the truth of the tribal council's claim, and Martel Popescul, the RCMP's lawyer at the Hughes inquiry, wrote to the Saskatchewan justice department to ask if something legal could be done about the tribal council's transgression. In the end, the justice department decided not to pursue the matter.

On the second anniversary of Leo LaChance's death, the Court of Appeal for

Saskatchewan heard a motion from Carney Nerland's lawyer, Brian Beresh, to quash the Hughes inquiry altogether. The court turned the motion down, guaranteeing that when the inquiry resumed hearings on March 15, 1993, Carney Nerland would have to testify. The name of the RCMP informant, however, would still be excluded.

David LaChance would go to the hearings; it was his chance to take a long, hard look at the man who shot his brother. But he was beginning to believe that any insight he still needed into the forces that caused Leo's death would be found in what went unsaid at the inquiry. **EW**

HERITAGE FRONT

Hotline's still racist, court told

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A local white power group's hotline uses "sophisticated" techniques to induce hatred towards minorities, a court heard yesterday.

Dr. Susan Erlich, an expert in linguistics, offered that opinion in the first day of a contempt of court trial involving Wolfgang Droege and his Heritage Front.

Droege and the racist white rights group he fronts are accused of violating a court order limiting the messages they could run on their two-year-old telephone hotline.

The original injunction was sought by the Canadian Human Rights Commission in January, 1992 — and consented to by Droege — in an effort to control the group's messages until a tribunal could rule on whether they violate Canada's human rights laws.

Erlich, who teaches linguistics at York University, told federal court Justice L. Marcel Joyal that messages last January were "similar in form and content" to messages complained of a year earlier.

Jews targeted

"They're very similar in the rhetorical strategies used, but the group targeted is different — in one it's Jewish people and in the other it's Amerindians."

Asked by the commission lawyer if the messages could induce hatred or contempt, Erlich answered: "Yes, contempt and hatred towards the particular groups being targeted."

Erlich said both sets of messages — from before and after the injunction — also used the technique of "victim reversal," casting the white race as victims of taxpayer-financed land grabs by Natives or racism from the Jews.

Erlich has yet to be questioned by Droege's defence team.

The hearing resumes in late August.

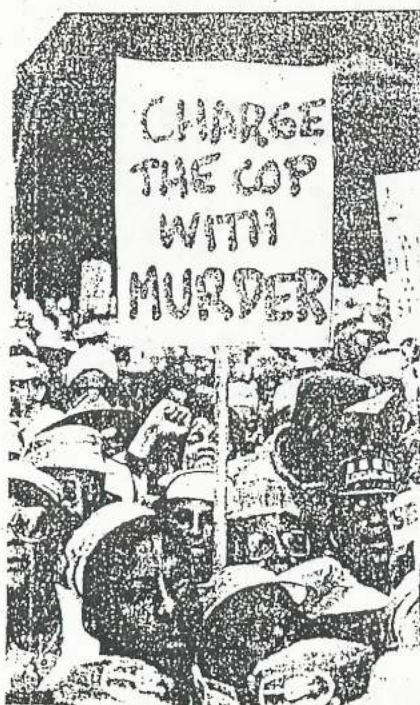
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**the Dec. 26 murder
of Luis Antonio Vega
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**DEMAND charges be
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**para denunciar
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Police el dia 26 de diciembre



Luis Antonio Vega

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criminales en contra del oficial
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brutal e innecesario crimen.**

**Llamamos a la comunidad
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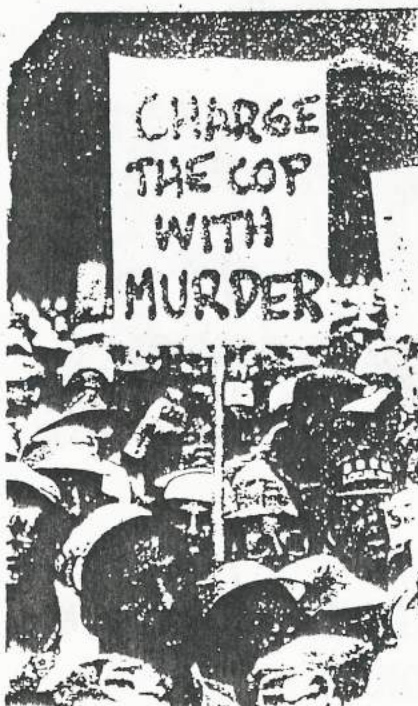
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Luis Antonio Vega

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May 1 • 4 LAPD Officers found "not guilty" in Rodney King beating
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May 4 • Toronto Uprising

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- Will we tolerate a racist, trigger-happy police force any longer?
- Do we believe the racist structure of the courts will ever provide justice?
- How many more brothers and sisters will be brutalized or murdered at the hands of racist police?

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BLACK ACTION DEFENSE COMMITTEE ANTI-RACIST ACTION

Get Nazis off MuchMusic

- MuchMusic has invited neo-Nazi organizers onto its new "Real Deal" youth talk show today at noon.
- The show is supposed to be about youth fighting racism but Much is giving known neo-Nazi hate groups a national forum to further recruit young people. Neo-Nazi organizations like the Heritage Front and the Church of Creator specifically target young people.
- This is the REAL deal: these hate groups have been linked to a recent arson attack on a residence for young sexually-abused women, an assault on a Black community activist, and other acts of racist and homophobic violence. They use public forums like this to soft-pedal their hate but underneath the hoods they're hiding a vicious reality of brutality and hatred.
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ANTI-RACIST ACTION

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Elite soldiers are members of racist group, leader says

Toronto Star 93-05-07
By Gail Swainson
TORONTO STAR

As many as two dozen members of Canada's armed forces belong to a Toronto-based white supremacist organization, a group spokesperson has confirmed.

Wolfgang Droege said a CBC television report that alleges members of the elite airborne division at Canadian Forces Base Petawawa — the regiment sent to Somalia — are members of the white supremacist Heritage Front is true.

"Yes, of course, we have members who are in the armed forces but we obviously can't give their names. That would put them at risk," Droege said last night.

He also confirmed that Eric Fisher, a former sergeant in the elite airborne division at Petawawa, is the head of the Heritage Front's security legion.

"When we hold meetings and rallies, he provides the security so we don't get attacked by the opposition," he said.

But Droege angrily denied reports that Fisher is conducting para-military training with Heritage Front members in Ontario.

"That is just not true. All the training that's being done is physical fitness," Droege said.

"There is no para-military training going on here with Eric Fisher."

Racists jeer anti-Zundel students

Toronto Star
93-05-07

About a dozen members of the North American Jewish Students' Network were jeered yesterday by members of the Heritage Front while attempting to deliver a petition to Ontario Attorney-General Marion Boyd.

The petition, signed by 4,000 people, demanded that new charges be brought against Toronto publisher Ernst Zundel for wilfully promoting hatred against an identifiable group.

The Criminal Code states that only an attorney-general can lay such a charge.

Boyd was not available for comment.

SOMALIA FORCE Soldiers linked to racist groups

Toronto
Sun
93-05-07

By BILL DUNPHY
Toronto Sun

An elite Canadian Forces regiment, now under fire for the deaths of two civilians in Somalia, was investigated for links to white-supremacist groups before being sent on a peacekeeping mission to the African country.

At least one of those soldiers now serving in Somalia — Pvt. Matt McKay of Winnipeg — is a former member of a Ku Klux Klan cell, national defence department spokesmen confirmed yesterday.

And a former member of the regiment — Eric Fischer of Toronto — has put his military experience toward developing a tough training program for the "Security Legions" of the racist Church of the Creator group.

Capt. David King said McKay had previously said he'd quit the Klan because the military comes first.

King refused to comment on the probe of the Canadian Airborne Regiment by the military's Special Investigations Unit (SIU), saying it could interfere with "ongoing military police and board of inquiry investigations."

The Forces' SIU refused interview requests for the same reason.

Incidents at Petawawa

Sources familiar with the report — prepared some time before the deaths in Somalia — say it dealt with incidents on and off the regiment's Petawawa home base and indicated members were open about their involvement in the racist groups.

"Any credible allegations of involvement with extreme right-wing groups are thoroughly investigated by the SIU," King insisted.

"Promotion of hatred and racist behavior is not and will not be tolerated."

Neither King, nor spokesmen at CFB Petawawa would comment on what — if anything — had been done to eight armed forces soldiers who attended a July 1990 neo-Nazi rally near Metcalfe, Ont.

The revelations are not welcome news to the 601 members of the elite regiment, whose work feeding the hungry, building bridges and schools has been overshadowed by allegations of an "execution-style" slaying of one civilian and the beating death of another in March.

Defence Minister Kim Campbell has established a board of inquiry to probe the Regiment's discipline, training and preparedness to see if any "systemic problems" are to blame.

Two separate military investigations are examining the civilian deaths.

Racism in forces disputed

Toronto Sun
93-05-08

By BILL DUNPHY and ROBERT FIFE
Toronto Sun

OTTAWA — Racism is not widespread and is not tolerated in the military, Government House Leader Harvie Andre said yesterday.

The government was under fire in the Commons after the *Sun* and CBC reported members of the elite Canadian Airborne Regiment based in Petawawa have been involved in white supremacist organizations.

A secret military investigation of the Petawawa base, home to the elite Airborne Regiment, turned up about two dozen members and supporters of neo-nazi and racist groups.

One soldier — a former member of a Winnipeg white supremacist group — is serving with Canada's 1,100 peacekeepers in the African nation of Somalia.

"I dispute absolutely the implied accusation that there is widespread white supremacy in our troops in Somalia," Andre told Liberal MP Lloyd Axworthy.

Inquiry

Andre did suggest that a board of inquiry announced by Defence Minister Kim Campbell last month would examine any "systemic problems" in the Airborne Regiment.

That response to yesterday's revelations was not enough for two Jewish groups, which called for a complete investigation of the links between white racist groups and Canada's military.

"At the very minimum, an immediate government inquiry is needed to determine the extent of this infiltration," said Irving Abella of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

The B'Nai Brith urged Camp-



HARVIE ANDRE
"Not widespread"

bell to immediately investigate the matter, and repeated an earlier call for an inquiry into organized hate groups in Canada.

One veteran observer of the military scene said openly expressing racist views "is absolutely not tolerated."

"Sure it's there, but it isn't tolerated," said Scott Taylor, publisher of *Esprit de Corps* a newspaper aimed at the military. "People may hold the views, but they wouldn't be open about it. They (the Airborne) are quite a violent bunch and there's a quick way of dealing with that kind of nonsense."

Inquiry about teacher sets dangerous precedent

Toronto Star 93-05-10

IT MIGHT well be appropriate for Paul Fromm to lose his job as a Mississauga high school teacher even if he never espoused the cause of white supremacy in the classroom, as he has been accused of doing elsewhere.

But the Ontario minister of education seems likely to create a needlessly dangerous precedent out of the inquiry he has created into Fromm's teaching status.

Certain terms of reference for the inquiry are — to put it mildly — unacceptable.

The inquiry has been asked to determine how well Fromm has fulfilled his duty under the Education Act "to inculcate . . . the principles of Judeo-Christian morality."

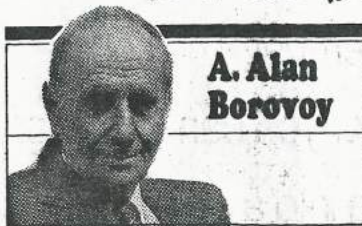
How can we expect Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists and humanists to promote or abide inculcation in the principles of a faith they do not share? (There is reason to believe that this mandate creates discomfort for Jews as well.)

Instead of using this enactment, the minister should take action to repeal it.

The inquiry is also asked to report on whether Fromm's presence as a teacher "has had an adverse effect" on his school community.

This term of reference has the arguable capacity to authorize witch-hunts against politically unpopular teachers. To what extent, for example, might it be said that, in a community with a large number of veterans, a teacher with known pacifist views would have "an adverse effect?"

Similarly, might the presence of a known Communist sympathizer have "an adverse effect" on a community with a large



A. Alan Borovoy

number of refugees from the former regimes of eastern Europe? The fate of teachers should not depend on such an ill-conceived standard.

Unfortunately, in his recent action to resume the inquiry, the minister failed to stress the one term of reference that justified the whole exercise: Whether Paul Fromm's activities, even outside of school, create a reasonable apprehension that he will mistreat the vulnerable adolescents in his care.

Parents should not be expected to surrender their offspring to anyone who expresses deep-rooted prejudices against them. Nor, of course, should the offspring have to endure such a situation.

To use another example, teachers might be judged unfit if they make public statements — even outside of class — that express a desire for sexual relations with minors. Parents and students should also not have to tolerate that.

The issue, under this term of reference, is not the teacher's freedom of speech. The issue is whether certain exercises of that freedom could render teachers unworthy of the tremendous trust reposed in them.

There is some indication that the resumed inquiry will not vigorously address this question.

J.G. Cowan, the lawyer conducting the inquiry, had sought — and the minister has apparently denied him — a power to compel testimony from reluctant witnesses.

Cowan said he needed such a power in order to conduct a proper probe of this latter issue. He particularly noted how little contact he'd had with parents or students from Paul Fromm's school.

While I have no objection, in general, to giving Cowan the powers at issue, I question the extent to which parents and students should be *compelled* to reveal their negative apprehensions about a teacher who could well wind up with power over them.

For these purposes, there appears to be little need for compulsory testimony. After all, the issue is simply whether it would be reasonable, in light of all

Fromm's activities, for parents and students to anticipate that he would mistreat minority group members in his class.

The answer to this question can and should be found primarily, not in the testimony of witnesses, but in the public record. And the inspection of that record will not likely require any special powers.

As matters now stand, however, there is a significant risk that the minister will blow it. His inquiry is poised to minimize the important and emphasize the dangerous.

In situations such as this, the reasons for the actions of government are no less important than the actions themselves.

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KLAN GATHERING: Hooded men mill about as on-lookers — including women and children — watch a

cross burning Saturday night on the London area estate of 72-year-old Martin Weich.

STAR PHOTO

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Upscale London-area enclave is site of cross-burning rally

By Gail Swainson
TORONTO STAR

The hooded figure touches a torch to a tall wooden cross.

On either side, four smaller crosses smoulder in the darkness.

The light reflects from the flowing, white, ground-length robes and towering, conical hoods of more than a dozen men.

Another 30 men, women — and children — bask in the glow.

Circling the crosses, the deep voices of the shrouded men mix with those of the women and children. They all shout "RA-HOWA" (racial holy war) and "white power" over and over.

"Dispel the darkness with this fire," intones a hooded figure. "The conquest ends when we have taken back this planet."

The chilling scene is Hyde Park, Ont., last Saturday night — an upscale, rural enclave on the northwest edge of good, grey, conservative London.

Hyde Park's rolling hills are dotted with horse farms and 10,000-square-foot mansions. It is a Neighborhood Watch community, with a Women's Institute established in 1910 — "For God and Country" is its motto — and a Lion's Club.

The Ontario Provincial Police are aware of recurrent and nightmarish scenes like those at Hyde Park, but they don't seem

overly concerned.

Hyde Park is also home to 72-year-old Martin Weich.

Weich, interviewed yesterday, less than 24 hours after crosses burned to the ground in his backyard, said he saw nothing Saturday night.

"Who is burning crosses here?" Weich said yesterday. "You must have smoked the wrong stuff or something, they're not burning crosses here."

"I know nothing about it," Weich stammers. "I must have slept through it all."

Weich later admitted that "Sure, it's not a secret, but what brings you all the way out from Toronto? How did you get on to these things?"

He added: "At the next cross burning, I'll let you know when it is."

Weich lives on a posh estate on Nairn Rd., just a few kilometres west of the village of Hyde Park.

The driveway is adorned with stately brick pillars — golden German eagles perched on top — that support a massive decorative wrought iron gate.

The German-born Weich is described in two books on the ultra right as former head of the Nationalist Socialist Party in Canada, a member of the far right Edmund Burke Society and a former member of the Hitler Youth Movement.

Weich emigrated to Canada in 1951 and made a fortune in real estate, one of the books says.

Police say they have known about periodic cross burnings on Weich's 5-hectare (12-acre) property since the early 1980s but they have never been investigated at the local level.

"We don't get complaints and you're not going to get a story because there's nothing to tell," said Constable Roland Oliver of the OPP's London detachment.

Ontario's Human Rights Code is silent on such activity, giving the police little recourse but to stand back, said Bernie Farber of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

"While other provincial human rights codes have taken bold steps to deal with hateful expression, the Ontario Human Rights Commission has stagnated," Farber said. "It is providing little, if any, protection for vulnerable minorities from hateful vilification."

But Farber is concerned what message police inaction is giving.

"For the police to suggest that everyone knows about it, in effect, says that this kind of expression of hate is not something that they consider to be all that important," Farber said.

The fact that children were present "just sickens me," he said.

Forces will bar racists

Toronto Sun 93-05-10

By ROBERT FIFE
Ottawa Bureau

OTTAWA — The armed forces intends to screen out racist recruits, Defence Minister Kim Campbell said yesterday.

Campbell told the Commons she has launched a review of the department's recruitment policies because of concern that some soldiers belong to white supremacist groups.

"I am in the process of ensuring that members of the Canadian forces who wear this country's uniform do not have those kinds of attitude," she said.

The review was sparked by reports that members of the elite Canadian Airborne Regiment have been involved in white supremacist organizations.

Campbell said DND is also investigating allegations that one of the soldiers, now serving in Somalia, was a member of a Ku Klux Klan cell, the Church of the Creator.

"I have instituted a board of inquiry to look very broadly and very deeply into the background training in ethos of our forces who serve in those missions," she said.

'Zero policy'

NDP defence critic John Brewin said tighter recruitment practices aren't good enough and demanded that Cpl. Matt McKay be brought home. He insists he left the Church of the Creator in 1991.

Campbell stressed the military already has a "zero policy" toward racism but her review will examine ways to screen out applicants with racist views.

Ian Kagedan, spokesman for B'nai Brith, praised Campbell's initiative but urged Ottawa to hold an inquiry into the extent of racist attitudes of all members of the military.

"We really need a broader inquiry to look at racism in the Armed Forces across the country," he said.

Ottawa aims to bar racists from forces

Toronto Star 93-05-12

By Tim Harper
TORONTO STAR

OTTAWA — Kim Campbell said yesterday she wants changes in the armed forces recruiting policy to weed out members of right-wing or white supremacist organizations.

The defence minister told the House of Commons she will first check with legal advisers to make sure that such questions do not breach applicants' rights.

But she was clearly eager to try to put her latest defence problem behind her as she heads into the last stretch in her campaign to win next month's Progressive Conservative leadership convention.

"I am undertaking a review of the policies of the Department of National Defence, particularly the policies of recruiting," she said.

"I believe it is totally inconsistent for members of the Canadian armed forces to belong to groups which profess (racist) attitudes."

She was reacting to opposition questioning which had been sparked by allegations of racism, particularly in the Canadian Airborne Regiment stationed in Somalia.

But she also appeared to contradict statements by Govern-

ment House leader Harvie Andre, who was answering on Campbell's behalf in the Commons last Friday.

"The Charter of Rights would forbid the Canadian Armed Forces from denying entry to somebody," Andre said then, outside the House.

"We do not have the Joseph McCarthy situation here where they're asked 'Are you now, or have you ever been a member of this group or that group?'" he said, in reference to the U.S. senator who launched a witch hunt against communists in the 1950s.

"That's not the Canadian tradition. We do not ask that question."

Yesterday, Andre said would-be recruits can be refused because of "attitude" and that Campbell was merely advocating the military be more "stringent."

The first such allegation of racism in Somalia came from a letter home from an armed forces surgeon, Dr. Barry Armstrong. It was then buttressed by a CBC-TV report late last week.

One member of the Somalia contingent, Cpl. Matt McKay, appeared in a photograph in a Winnipeg newspaper last year in an Adolf Hitler T-shirt and standing beneath a swastika.

McKay has said he left a white supremacist group, but there has been no move to call him home from Somalia.

NDP defence critic John Brewin renewed his calls for McKay's recall yesterday.

Campbell told the Commons her inquiry into the conduct of Canadian peacekeepers in Somalia will look into the question of racism and white supremacy.

She also said her department will continue to monitor attempts by white supremacist groups to infiltrate the military.

"Racism or racist attitudes are completely unacceptable from members of the armed forces," she said.

But when asked whether it should be permissible for military personnel to attend white supremacist meetings, Campbell paused.

"I want to think about that," she told reporters. "My first reaction to that is to say it is unacceptable."

Audience, supremacists spar at forum on hate issue

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By Tony Wong
TORONTO STAR

An anti-racism forum at Harbourfront was disrupted last night when members of white supremacist groups clashed with other audience members.

Shouting "Nazis Out" and "Smash The Heritage Front," about eight members of the Trotskyist League were thrown out of the forum after they refused to let Heritage Front leader Wolfgang Droege speak.

"Those are the real fascists, those are the real haters over there," said Droege, who attended the meeting with about a dozen supporters. "All we're trying to do is express our opinion. We're not here to intimidate or attack people."

About a dozen uniformed Metro police officers mingled with the crowd at the Queen's Quay forum on how to deal with hate groups, chaired by lawyer T. Sher Singh. Panelists included representatives from the Native Canadian Centre, the Chinese Canadian National Council, B'nai Brith as well as students.

The forum continued after the demonstrators had left, but police sealed off the entrance.

The meeting heated up early when panelist Lennox Farrell, co-chair of the Ontario Anti-Racism Advisory Working Group, was heckled for his attacks on white supremacist groups.

"What the heck do they mean 'Keep Canada white'?" Farrell said. "Historically, Canada has never been white, but these people are too stupid and ignorant to know that."

Outside, Droege said it wasn't his group that was being disruptive last night, and that he simply asked for an opportunity to speak.

Angry MPs seek firing of soldier

Toronto Sun 93.05.13

CORPORAL POSED IN NEO-NAZI GEAR

By ROBERT FIFE
Ottawa Bureau

OTTAWA — A Canadian soldier serving in Somalia should be drummed out of the military for posing in neo-Nazi regalia, **opposition MPs** said yesterday.

A Winnipeg newspaper ran a picture yesterday of Cpl. Matt McKay wearing an **Adolf Hitler T-Shirt** and making a Nazi salute. The photo, the newspaper says, was taken at a **Winnipeg army base** in 1990.

Liberal Brian Tobin said it's **unacceptable** for McKay to be serving with the **Canadian Airborne Regiment** when he holds racist **views toward blacks**.

"How in the name of God can we say it's okay for somebody who does a **Nazi salute** and who hangs a **Nazi swastika banner** in the army barracks ... to be serving with our forces in Somalia," he said.

Andre mum on dismissal

Government **House Leader Harvie Andre** would not say if the military **would order McKay home** and kick him out of the regiment.

But he urged opposition MPs and the media not to go on a "feeding frenzy" and allow the Armed Forces to carry out an investigation of the incident.

"We know about the incident and I have confidence in the Canadian Armed Forces (to handle it)."

McKay has admitted he was part of a white racist group in 1990 but insists he gave up the activities for fear his military career would be hurt.

Defence Minister Kim Campbell announced Tuesday the force will begin screening out recruits who may hold racist attitudes. A special inquiry is also looking into racism among soldiers serving with the Airborne in Somalia.



MATT MCKAY
In Hitler T-shirt

How widespread is hate crime?

By PHILIP HANNAN

OTTAWA — Racial hatred, Gay bashing, Swastika graffiti. It's called hate crime, many experts consider it to be a festering social ill in Canada, and at least three police departments have set out to find out just how widespread it is.

Police in Vancouver, Toronto and Ottawa are starting to report whether crimes are motivated by hatred based on race, religion, sexual orientation or ethnicity. Their aim is help others judge how prevalent hate crime is, and what should be done about it.

To Cynthia Petersen, a professor of law at the University of Ottawa, society's lack of awareness about hate crime is not unlike the perception years ago of domestic violence.

"People don't really recognize the extent of the epidemic of violence. It requires a certain amount of public education, sensitization and statistics-gathering to make your case."

That case, she says, can warn governments of the problem and of the need for a response.

"Without that information, how do you know where to aim your ... educational programs?" says Laura Rose, a police commissioner in Metropolitan Toronto.

There were 26 reports of so-called "bias crime" in Toronto from January to late March, say police.

"Publishing the statistics ... would

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serve as an educational tool to the people, that we are taking it (hate crimes) seriously," says Toronto police Sgt. Dino Doria.

The federal government is studying the programs and may eventually start to collect the data nationally through Statistics Canada.

In Ottawa, Det. Daniel Dunlop is part of a two-person bias crime unit. He says there have been about 20 cases sent to his office in the first three months of collecting numbers.

"The community is behind us 110 per cent — not only special interest groups, but the community at large. I've never seen a response like this."

In addition to interest from the federal Solicitor General's office, the Ottawa bias crime unit's work is being studied by the RCMP.

Despite the recording of hate crimes by the Ottawa unit and others, no national picture of the extent of hate-motivated crimes exists yet.

The question is how to track such crime accurately.

"What distinguishes hate crime from ordinary crime is the motivation and it is very difficult to collect information on motivations," says Barry Leighton, a policy analyst on policing for the federal solicitor general's office.

Statistics Canada is looking south of the border to see how hate crimes are recorded in the United States.

Last year, the FBI said 4,558 hate crimes were logged by participating

law enforcement agencies, the first year of reporting since the U.S. Congress Hate Crime Statistics Act was passed in 1990.

Sange de Silva, senior official at Statistics Canada's Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, hints that they are contemplating collecting the information.

"Hate crimes will no doubt be something that will be considered in the next round of strategic planning consultations," he says.

But not everybody is happy with that prospect.

Insp. Ken Doern of the Vancouver police won't release the numbers of hate-motivated crimes reported.

He says that while his department collects hate-crime data for analysis within the department, publishing information might have the effect of spurring some people to commit more violent acts in order to increase the numbers.

"I'd be opposed to that. I think it would have serious ramifications," he says. "I think that can have a horrible effect because people that are involved in ... hate crimes would just feed on that statistical data."

Ian Kagedan, of director of government relations for B'nai Brith in Ottawa, feels strongly that publicity will be useful if it gets the Canadian Security and Intelligence Service and the RCMP to start taking hate groups seriously.

From Canadian Press

LINKED TO NEO-NAZIS

Toronto Sun 93.05.18

Gun runner pleads guilty

By BILL DUNPHY
Toronto Sun

A man linked to white supremacist groups pleaded guilty yesterday to seven weapons charges following a police raid that netted 13 guns and thousands of bullets.

Richard Gordon Manley, of Adelaide St., will be sentenced in July on two charges of importing a prohibited weapon and five weapon possession charges.

Manley, 26, denied membership in the racist Heritage Front or Church of the Creator, saying he attended their meetings because he'd read "they were Nazis and I thought I could learn more about the Second World War from them."

Court was shown a Heritage Front video that featured Manley holding a Church of the Creator flag and standing at attention throughout a 15-minute speech by Creator leader George Burd.

Manley was arrested last December after Canada Customs

got a tip he was importing a gun part to convert semi-automatic weapons to fully automatic.

A raid on his home turned up a shotgun under the bed and an arsenal of weapons in a locker decorated with a symbol from a South African neo-Nazi group.

In the locker, police found a fully-automatic AR-15 assault rifle, an Uzi automatic machine pistol, a semi-automatic Ruger Mini-14 and several rifles and shotguns.

They also found 2,200 rounds of ammunition, including hollow point bullets and teflon-coated bullets designed to pierce body armor.

Crown attorney Calvin Barry told court he'll seek an 18-month sentence for Manley and forfeiture of all his weapons.

Defence lawyer Calvin Martin called Manley a "political criminal" caught by Canada's changing gun laws. He said he hoped Manley could avoid a jail term.

Gays target of police, activist says

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The Globe and Mail

MONTREAL — A gay activist has accused police in Joliette of following up an investigation into a homosexual slaying last year with an undercover operation that has resulted in the arrest of a dozen gay men.

"It's a flagrant example of blaming the victim," said René Ouellette, director-general of the Lesbian and Gay Community Centre of Montreal. "Instead of cracking down on hate crimes, police are trying to cleanse the region of gay men."

On Dec. 12 last year, police found the body of 37-year-old Daniel Lacombe at a roadside rest stop outside Joliette, about 60 kilometres north of Montreal. The rest stop is a popular meeting spot for gay men. The killing was the second fatal attack on a gay man in a week.

Police arrested five males, aged 16 to 19, in connection with the Joliette crime. One is charged with manslaughter and three are charged under the Young Offenders Act with conspiracy to commit a criminal act.

Since the beginning of this month, two undercover police officers have been assigned to the area. Six men have been charged with offences ranging from soliciting to public indecency. One of the men is a former Montreal police officer. Another six were charged with violating a municipal bylaw.

Limited Hamilton area activity

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By ANDREW DRESCHER
The Spectator

DETECTIVE RON Hayward of the Hamilton-Wentworth police street crime unit estimates there are about 15 to 20 members of the Heritage Front and 30 to 40 white supremacist skinheads in the Hamilton area.

Besides sharing the same beliefs, they share the same lack of organization, says Det. Hayward.

"Overall, their recruitment hasn't been good in this area. They're really not developing as a major problem. We've got small pockets of them here and there around the region, but they do not seem to be supportive or organized with each other."

However, in the last few years there were a couple of incidents of Jewish graves being desecrated and synagogues spray-painted with anti-semitic slogans, all of which have been traced to skinheads, says Det. Hayward. Charges were laid in some incidents.

Similarly, white power posters and graffiti have appeared in some area high schools and extreme right-wing publications are circulated in some quarters. Det. Hayward says the posters don't qualify as hate literature because they promote white power or white pride without vilifying other races or ethnic groups.

"They know not to identify a specific group in their advertising, that's what gets them off the hook," he explains.

Det. Hayward believes total numbers of white power extremists have dwindled over the last few years, and though anti-semitic and racist rhetoric is part of their repertoire, physical violence generally isn't.

"We've seen more skinheads and white supremacists getting beat up by other gangs than actually perpetrating anything," says Det. Hayward. "It goes to show how much white power works here."

White supremacist will fight U.S. murder charge

Hamilton Spectator 93-05-15

By ROGER GILLESPIE
Southam News

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho — The young fascist fixes his blue eyes on the glass divider in the jail house visiting booth and swears he's not a killer.

"Just because I'm a racist doesn't mean I'm crazy," says Calgary teenager Tim Biscope.

■ Messengers of hate: B3

Mr. Biscope, 19, and 22-year-old Adam Elteto were charged with first-degree murder after the frozen body of Michigan skinhead Johnny Ray Sharbnaw was found in a ditch near here Dec. 17.

An autopsy showed Mr. Sharbnaw had been shot several times, including twice in the back.

Mr. Biscope and Mr. Elteto were picked up not far from this northern Idaho city of 28,000 at the eight-hectare (20-acre) Aryan Nations compound, a mecca for a generation of North American white supremacists.

The three men had been living there at the time of the shooting.

A fourth man, who showed authorities where Mr. Sharbnaw was killed, pleaded guilty in February to being an accessory to a felony stemming from the Dec. 8 shooting.

Tate Ford, a former Aryan Na-

tions member, admitted witnessing the crime and helping dispose of the body.

Police recovered a handgun when they searched a compound bunkhouse where Mr. Biscope and Mr. Elteto had been staying.

An Aryan Nations member told a magistrate in early January that Mr. Biscope and Mr. Elteto had told him they killed Mr. Sharbnaw to "shut him up."

Mr. Biscope says he had been at the compound for about a month before his arrest and "was just in the wrong place at the wrong time."

An Aryan Nations spokesman says Mr. Biscope was not a member.

But it was his second stay at the headquarters, about a 90-minute drive south of Creston, B.C.

In August, Mr. Biscope and some friends attended an Aryan Nations youth conference and he says he stopped in again "to see how things were going" while on his way to Denver.

He discovered the white supremacist headquarters through "friends" and says he picked up his beliefs when he became a skinhead shortly before quitting school at 17.

Asked about skinhead violence back home in Calgary, he says, "I don't have a criminal record and that speaks for itself."

Messengers of hate

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■ Cpl. Matt McKay, a Canadian peacekeeper in Somalia, hung a swastika banner, wore a Hitler T-shirt and was photographed performing a Nazi salute while in his army barracks in 1990, it was learned this week. (Photo is below right.) Defence minister Kim Campbell said Cpl. McKay had described his involvement in the KKK as a youthful folly and he will remain on duty.

■ There were reports last week that eight Canadian soldiers went to a neo-Nazi rally near Metcalfe, Ont. in July 1990, and that a former member of the Canadian Airborne Regiment is giving paramilitary training to the right-wing extremist group, the Church of the Creator. Ms Campbell ordered an investigation of hate group activity in the military.

■ A dozen white-hooded men burned crosses while another 30 men, women and children watched last Saturday in Hyde Park, just north of London, Ontario. The men chanted "RAHOWA" (racial holy war) and "white power" and one said, "Dispel the darkness with this fire. The conquest ends when we have taken back this planet." Police say they have known about these periodic cross-burnings but they have never been investigated at the local level. Citizenship Minister Elaine Ziemba said Ontario will consider amendments to the Human Rights Code that would prohibit cross-burnings and other racist acts.

By ROGER GILLESPIE
Southam News

MONTREAL — "I did it for the race, man," the young neo-Nazi boasted as he described a fatal gay-bashing the night before in a west end Montreal park.

Coming at a time when racist violence was rocking Germany, the brutal bludgeoning of Yves Lalonde by Canadian skinheads raised fears that the virulent right-wing hatred sweeping Europe was slipping into this country as well.

"It was the hand of something we thought we'd see one day," says Alain Dufour of Montreal's World Anti-Fascist League.

Based in part on a police telephone wiretap, four radical skinheads from a Montreal suburb were charged in December with first-degree murder four days after Mr. Lalonde's death. The youths, aged 15 to 17, pleaded guilty to second-degree murder.

A photo album containing pictures of Adolf Hitler, as well as literature and a membership card in a U.S.-based far-right group, was found in the home of one of the teens.

Growing activism

"White supremacist groups are taking off the sheets and putting on guerrilla warfare-type uniforms," warns an ex-Imperial Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan.

"The Klan and the other white supremacist groups are becoming more militant and are arming themselves for what they feel is a racial holy war," says Ken Petersen, who defected last summer, turning over membership lists and intelligence to a U.S. human rights group.

The former police drug informant claims the Klan faction he quit has members in 37 U.S. states and six countries. He says he helped set up groups in Toronto and Montreal.

"Organizational efforts are going on throughout the world, not just in the United States and Canada," he said in an interview from his home in Janesville, Wis.

The attacks on gays, synagogue vandalism and bomb threats that have attracted increasing national attention have often been the work of disaffected toughs. But police, human rights activists and other observers are expressing alarm over the systematic pattern of activity by Canada's extreme right as it targets gays, Jews and visible minorities.

"We are facing a threat to national



Carney Nerland, left, and other Aryan Nation members near Provost, Alberta in September 1990. An inquiry was called into handling of Nerland's shooting of an Indian, for which he was sentenced to four years in prison.



Cpl. Matt McKay, photographed in army barracks in 1990

security, a type of domestic terrorism which is designed to destabilize society," says Ian Kagedan, government relations director for B'nai Brith Canada, said of the groups' potential.

Canadian authorities have had their hands full trying to monitor and contain efforts by foreign right-wing extremists to organize here in the past year.

California white supremacists Tom and John Metzger, who lead the White Aryan Resistance, were deported last summer following a clandestine gathering of believers in Toronto.

British writer David Irving, who says the Holocaust was greatly exaggerated, was deported in December after a hearing in Niagara Falls, Ont., and in January, Dennis Mahon, a key member of the Metzgers' organization, was sent packing after he attempted to enter Canada at Pearson International Airport.

Mahon, who had been filmed setting fire to a cross near Berlin a few months earlier while on a trip to forge links with German neo-Nazis, had said he was coming to Canada to go fishing. But officials, saying Mahon was likely to break Canadian hate laws, deported him.

And as growing support for extreme right political parties casts a pall over Europe, observers say a turbulent economy and disillusioned youth spell trouble here.

The Ku Klux Klan, which first gained prominence in Canada in the 1920s, is among the half-dozen most notorious hate groups in Canada. But there are thought to be at least three or four dozen other right-wing extremist organizations in the country.

Total membership — perhaps in the thousands — is impossible to pin down because authorities refuse to divulge their estimates (see story below).

Seeking members

But efforts to expand membership are worrying observers across the country.

White separatist groups such as Toronto's Heritage Front and Vancouver's Liberty Net have been on the move, recruiting at schools and using telephone hot lines to assail such notions as immigration and affirmative action.

Seven hooded Klansmen paraded in downtown Georgetown in January, trying to distribute pamphlets among largely hostile residents.

"Their membership is going up. They're recruiting, they're getting more people coming out to their rallies," says a Toronto police intelligence source. "A lot of teenagers are getting turned on to this."

While cops are counting converts, some hate groups are shifting tactics to ride the wave of recent media attention.

Word from on high is to "behave yourselves because we're doing better for recruiting through all this attention... If somebody paints a black swastika on a synagogue a lot of people are going to be annoyed with us," says the Toronto police intelligence source.

"A lot of the middle-of-the-roads, the undecideds are going to say, 'oh radicals, forget it.'"

Another authority says Canada's extreme right shows signs of consolidation as groups forge closer links with an eye to political action.

"As they become more networked into each other, they stand a better chance of influencing mainstream politics and that's ultimately the concern," Leonard Zeskind, research

director of the Centre for Democratic Renewal, says from his office in Kansas City, Missouri. Elsewhere there are signs of growing militancy.

Extremists are said to be engaged in paramilitary training in Ontario and in the Maritimes. There have been four suspicious fire bombings in Surrey, B.C. in the past six months. And in Ottawa, the only Canadian city with an increase in reported anti-Jewish activity last year, police have been busy probing gay beatings, racist attacks and anti-Semitism at locales within minutes of Parliament Hill.

Despite all this, some experts such as Bernie Farber of the Canadian Jewish Congress are skeptical about talk of a burgeoning movement.

Mr. Farber has monitored hate groups for the past 10 years and he says, "A handful of neo-Nazi bigots are attempting by devious means and by smoke and mirrors to create an impression that they are much more than they really are."

Nonetheless, the growing audacity of the radical right has prompted anti-racist forces to step up their work. Networks are being organized to monitor hate group activity, and human rights groups and police are taking the message of tolerance to schools.

As well there have been renewed calls for a national task force to examine hate group activity, stepped-up prosecution of purveyors of hate literature and the inclusion of hate motivated crime in the Criminal Code.

Moreover, human rights tribunals have taken action against telephone hate lines in Vancouver and Toronto, while in Prince Albert a hearing is probing the shooting death of a Cree trapper by a leading Saskatchewan white supremacist, Carney Nerland.

Anti-fascist activist says CSIS tried to recruit him

Experts say old habits die hard despite end of cold-war era

By NANTHA KUMAR

MONTREAL—It all began about a year ago with what seemed to be an urgent phone call from a person claiming to be from the solicitor-general's office.

Within minutes, a man and a woman made their way up to the offices of the World Anti-Fascist League (League Anti-Fasciste Mondiale, or LAM) to have a chat with its president, Alain Dufour.

Dufour says they came in, shut the door, seated themselves and then flashed their badges. They were

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from the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS), Canada's civilian spy agency.

The agents were interested in LAM's research on right-wing groups, but wanted to talk specifically about political groups that could potentially resort to criminal activities.

What began as formal contacts between the CSIS agents, Dufour and LAM vice-president and head of research, Nick Pouliot, grew into a series of informal meetings in busy restaurants, and finally a cloak-and-dagger meeting in a downtown hotel room last month.

Clandestine meeting

CSIS was not interested in recruiting the French-speaking Dufour, who is in charge of the overall running of LAM, which was founded in 1989 by a Montreal street gang and eventually grew into an operation employing 32 people and 600 members.

"I started getting scared when the



Nick Pouliot (left) and Alain Dufour spurned CSIS' efforts to recruit them as spies.

situation changed," says Pouliot, of his final rendezvous in a room at the Chateau Champlain. "I told them I was not interested in becoming an informant, but we should continue to work over the board."

Funds ended

Coincidentally, the government funding that LAM was getting ended at about this time. The group receives about \$150,000 annually from both the federal and provincial government. LAM temporarily closed its doors last week, after Quebec's ministry of cultural communities and immigration cut off grants totaling \$60,000 because the group was unable to account for \$7,000.

The secret service agents apparently took this as the right time to zero in on Pouliot, who had been doing most of the intelligence gathering on right-wing groups through

a network of informers within neo-Nazi groups, skinheads and other white supremacists.

Pouliot, who speaks both English and French fluently, and is a walking encyclopedia on racist groups, was definitely a potential double-agent. And when he turned up alone at one meeting, agents Marcel Fontaine and Anik Tremblay popped the question, "Do you want to work for us?"

Work easier

"They kept telling me that it would make their work a lot easier if I could do it covertly and not as an executive of LAM," recounts Pouliot. "I told them I had to think about it and reported this to Alain (Dufour)."

Pouliot says he has trouble understanding why they would need this special arrangement, because "we were already sharing our informa-

tion with the local and provincial police."

Last year, for instance, LAM tipped off local police that the homes of two blacks were going to be firebombed. As a result, police thwarted the attack and made arrests.

However, criminologist Jean-Paul Brodeur, director of the Montreal-based international centre for comparative criminology at the Université de Montreal, says that it's not uncommon for agencies like CSIS to target individuals within organizations that do good analysis of security threats.

Brodeur says that studies done on several national security "deep-cover" infiltrations show that "It's nice to have an informer inside a group like LAM, especially if you look at the way the RCMP (intelligence unit) operated between 1965 and 1984."

Asked why they would insist on

paying for information they were getting free, Brodeur says there is a deeply ingrained professional culture that places more importance on information from paid sources.

But Reg Whittaker, who teaches political science at York university, has another explanation.

He says, "Based on past experience, there might be some rivalry between Quebec (provincial security agencies) and the Feds. I wouldn't be surprised if CSIS is trying to establish its own direct contacts."

"Once you get into an arrangement where you are paid for information, it becomes a double game, and you can get trapped," says Whittaker, who is presently working on a book about "Canada and the Cold War in the 1940s to 50s."

He refers to the case of Claude Morin, a high-ranking member of the Parti Quebecois, whose credibility suffered recently when it was disclosed that he was a paid informant for the RCMP security service (CSIS's precursor) in the 1970 crisis in that province.

Lukewarm opposition

Whittaker adds that, in addition, job prospects with the federal government could be affected. CSIS does the security checks for Ottawa and, obviously, a person's cooperation or lack of it would show up in the agencies' records.

He says that with the end of the cold war, CSIS has to look for other justifications for its existence and is now focusing on the rise of right-wing extremism. He says, "As far as terrorism is concerned, there's just as much coming from the right as from the left, and CSIS is waking up to it."

Anti-racism groups like the Canadian Jewish Congress and the B'nai Brith refuse to say if they work closely with CSIS, but stress the importance of working together.

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"You have to draw the line between briefing them and working for them," says Jack Jedwab, spokesperson for CCJC's Quebec chapter.

"It's not surprising that police agencies at all levels will enter into contact with people who are collecting information on this phenomena," adds Jedwab. "What's at issue here is if they are using the appropriate means."

B'nai Brith Quebec's Jonathan Schneiderman agrees. "We're not into covert action, but we're all in the same struggle."

Similar views are expressed by Rodney Bobiwash, coordinator of Toronto's Klan Busters. "It's not in our interest to work against CSIS and other police agencies," he says. "Everyone who is working against racism has a reason to work together."

He does not see much of an issue here, but when asked categorically whether his group has been approached by CSIS, he replies, "I work for an anti-racist organization, and I won't work for CSIS or another other police agency."

CSIS refuses to confirm or deny the LAM story, or to discuss the issue. CSIS spokesperson Gaetan Blais will simply say that it's part of their mandate to talk "to a lot of people and organizations in carrying out our work with regards to assessing threats to Canada."

The Heritage Front

Thanks for calling the 24 hr Anti Immigration Hot Line sponsored by the Heritage Front. This week on the Heritage Hot Line I would like to make a rebuttal to some ridiculous concepts promoted by the mass media. First and foremost is that this land is owned by and belongs to the native Indians. If you believe this silly statement then why don't you follow it to its ultimate conclusion.

(A) Renounce your Canadian Citizenship

(B) Find yourself an Indian, give him your home, property and all of your belongings and

(C) Crawl into a hole and die

The fact of the matter is, that our forefathers forged this land out of an untamed wilderness. They fought and died for the land we now live in. If you are ashamed of that, then you get out. If massive European immigration to Canada destroyed the Indian way of life then what makes some white fools believe that this new wave of immigration won't destroy ours. Make up your mind. The second concept I would like to address is the belief that since Canada has so much empty land, that we need 3rd world immigration. This is wrong for two reasons,

(1) Because the vast majority of immigrants move to our cities which are horribly overcrowded contributing to a rising housing cost, crime, traffick congestion etc.

(2) Instead of drawing immigrants from non-traditional sources why don't we have more children. The answer, because we can't afford it. while sending 2 billion per year in foreign aid. What about helping out the young struggling Canadian families instead. Come on what's going on here.

We have a meeting approaching quickly in a massive hall with some very energetic speakers. If you would like to attend and decide for yourself what the Heritage Front is all about, then leave you name and phone number at the tone. Please make it your name and phone number because of the postal strike.

Until next week, goodbye Canada

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600 anti-racist protesters battle police

Rock-throwing demonstrators trap white supremacists in Boys and Girls club

BY MIKE SHAHIN AND PETER HUM

Citizen staff writers

Members of the white supremacist Heritage Front and anti-supremacist demonstrators staged a series of running clashes on Ottawa streets Saturday night.

The clashes followed a tense two-and-a-half-hour standoff at the Centretown Boys and Girls Club on Nepean Street.

The Toronto-based Heritage Front had organized a concert at the club, which they called Rock for Racialism, in an attempt to recruit members.

Front leaders say they are fighting "a racial holy war" to give whites their own homeland, free of all minorities. The group, led by Wolfgang Droege, announced last month that it had set up an Ottawa chapter, in hopes of attracting alienated youth.

About 600 protesters began their rally at Minto Park at about 6:30 p.m. and marched to the Boys and Girls club. Police barricaded the area around the building with several squad cars in an attempt to keep the crowd away from the club, and initially kept the demonstrators at bay. But police gave ground and the crowd surged towards the entrance.

Police led the besieged supremacist group out of the club at about 10:40, after the bulk of the protesters had dispersed, leaving about 100 near the club.

After the Front members were taken out of the club, protesters circled around onto Bronson and tried to follow the group.

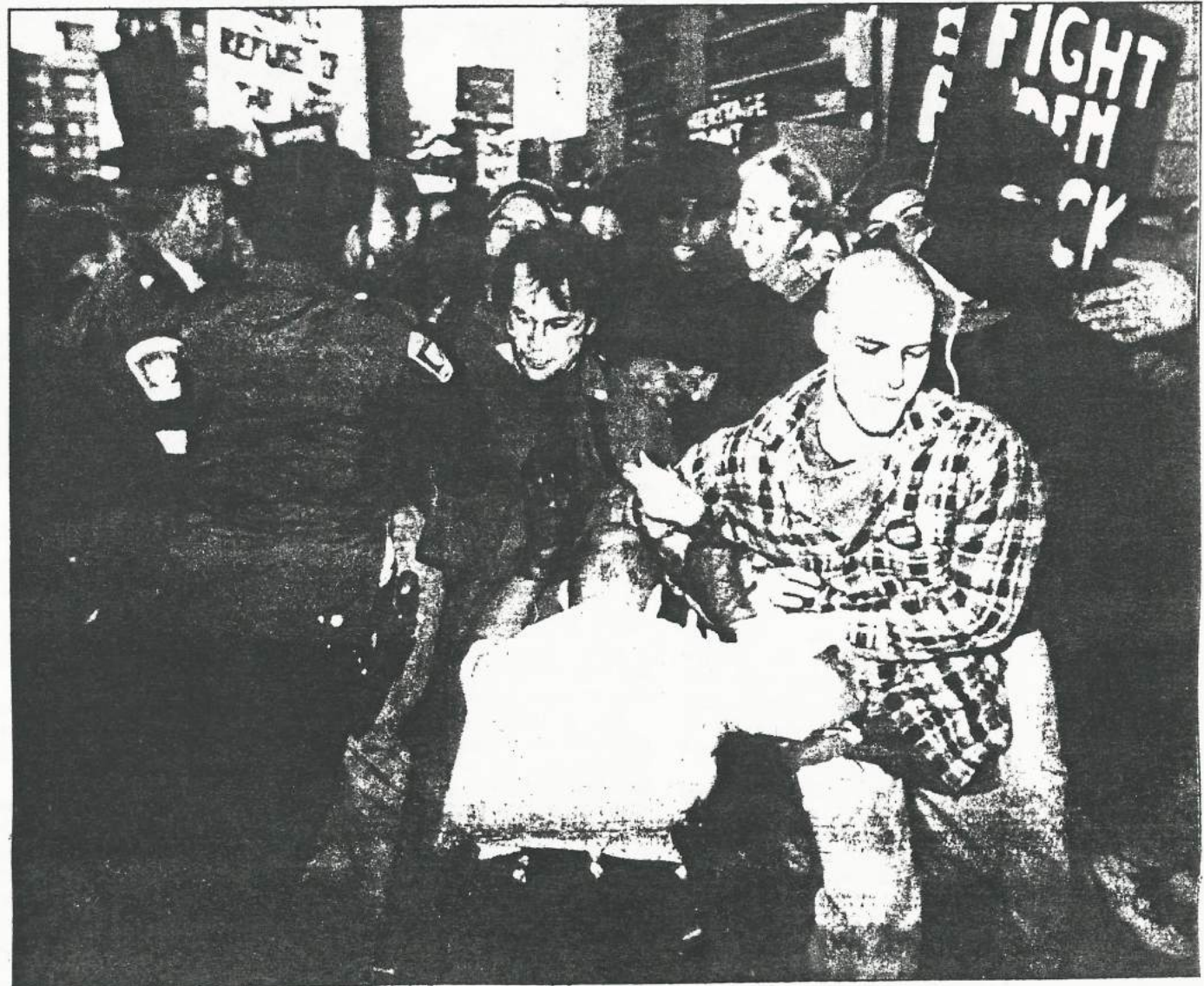
At Cooper and Bronson, protesters clashed again with police. One protester pushed or shoved an officer, who then came after him. The officer was accidentally sprayed in the face with pepper spray by an officer on the Ottawa canine unit who was trying to subdue the protester.

Police arrested the protester and put him in a squad car.

The officer was in visible pain from the pepper spray as he doubled over and grabbed his eyes.

Protesters continued to cruise the streets in search of Front members. Police continued to have a hard time corralling the scattered remnants of the crowd.

Police in riot gear moved up Bank Street keeping the two sides apart as they exchanged taunts and curs-

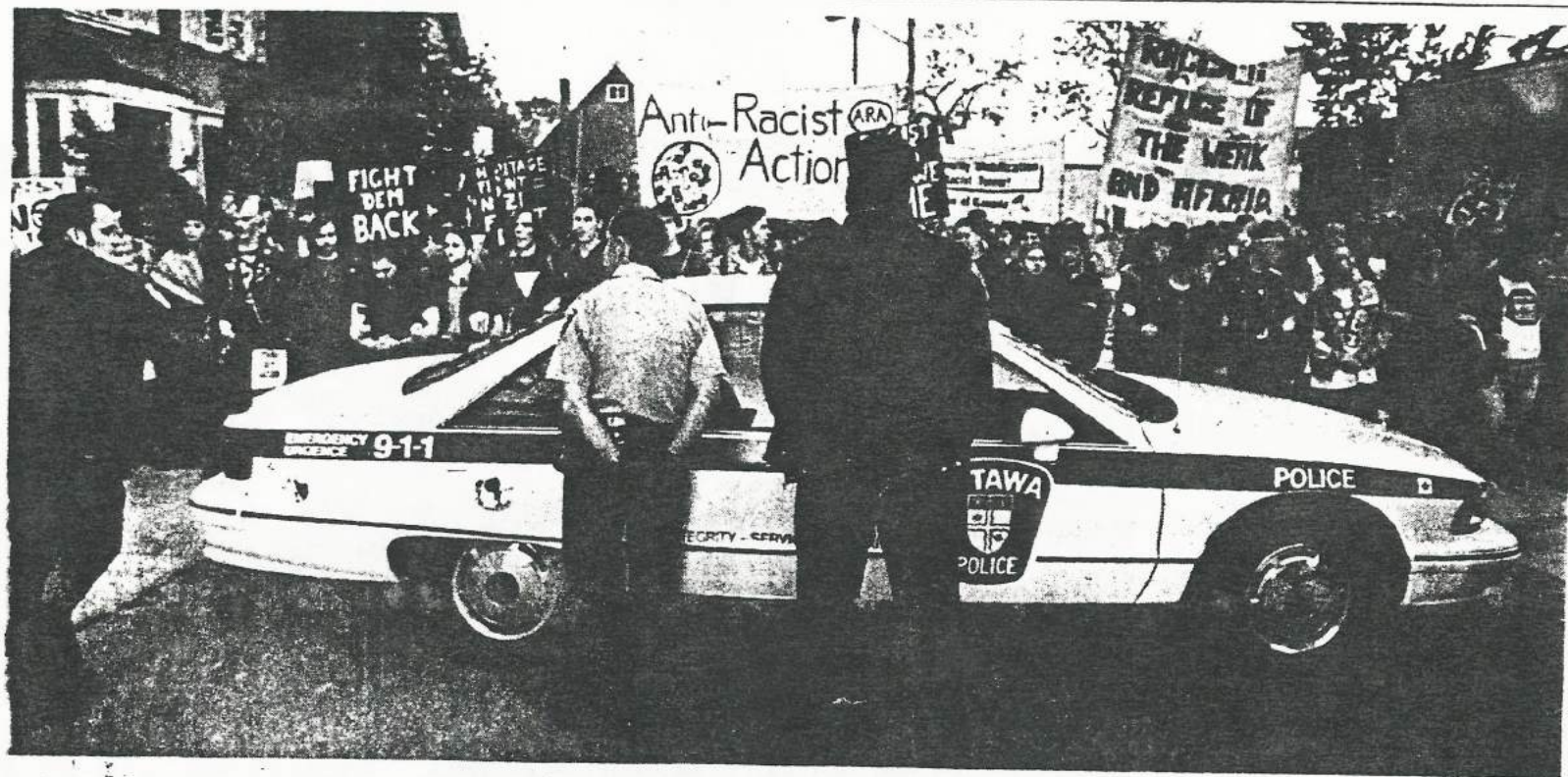


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Ottawa police push back angry crowd outside Nepean Street youth club where members of white-supremacist Heritage Front had gathered Saturday

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— Dave Chan, Citizen

Anti-racist demonstrators protest the white supremacist Heritage Front's attempt to organize in Ottawa Saturday

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es.

Speaking from a coin telephone inside the besieged club earlier, Front leader Droege said: "We believe in live and let live. Give us a right to express our opinions, because if you don't, sooner or later, we'll strike back."

Droege said confusion among his local organizers meant that some of his followers were unable to find the club, so less than half the expected 150 people showed up for the concert.

During the siege, police used pepper spray and billy clubs to push back protesters surging toward the building's entrance at Nepean and Percy streets. Some protesters hurled rocks, eggs and

fire crackers at the building.

Police used 50 officers, including 20 from the riot squad, and the canine unit, to control the crowd.

Police ringed the entrance to the club, wearing visored helmets and carrying large riot sticks.

Tim Simboli, director of programs for the Boys and Girls Club, said he was not aware that the building had been leased to the white supremacist group.

"I just got called from watching the hockey game. I didn't know this was going on. This is totally unexpected." He had one staffer inside the club. He was escorted inside by police to talk to the supremacists.

Among the protesters were members of Ottawa's Anti-Racist Action Youth Group, the Ottawa

District Labor Council, Skinheads Against Racial Prejudice, and the International Socialists. Protesters came from Toronto, as did about a dozen members of the Trotskyist League of Canada.

At times, protesters argued loudly among themselves about whether to confront the white supremacists.

A protest organizer who asked the crowd to disperse was called a "traitor and a sell out" by members of the unruly group, who screamed "smash the Heritage Front." Another urged the crowd to leave to avoid coming to blows with riot police.

"We don't want any martyrs here," she yelled through a megaphone.

The Sides

■ The anti-racist demonstration was held by a coalition of local groups including Anti-Racism Action, the Ottawa District Labour Council, the Ottawa Pro-Choice Network, International Socialists, OPIRG (Carleton), Association of Lesbians and Gays of Ottawa and Women's Place.

■ The Heritage Front is a Toronto-based white supremacist group trying to establish a chapter in Ottawa.

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Supremacist group uses rock to spread message

Weekend concert aimed at white youth, Heritage Front leader says

Toronto Globe and Mail 93-06-07

BY DAVID HILDERLEY
Special to The Globe and Mail

TORONTO — Inside the North Toronto bar, it looked like a normal rock and roll concert, except there were only about 70 screaming fans in a place that could hold 200.

Outside, police cars and vans were patrolling because of the concert's controversial organizers. The event was really a recruiting drive for the white supremacist group Heritage Front, which claims to have nearly 700 members.

"Young people are attracted to music and a lot of the white youth feel alienated by rap music because they can't identify with the lyrics," said Wolfgang Droege, the Front's leader. "We promote a form of rock music where the lyrics delve into some of the problems we have today, and promotes white pride."

The majority of those at the concert were males who appeared to be between the ages of 18 and 25, although some may have been as young as 15.

Singers replaced the lyrics of some well-known rock songs with racist commentary. There was a big reaction to songs by the group Aryan that called blacks "thieves" and "rapists," and people chanted "Sieg Heil" and gave Nazi-style salutes to the band.

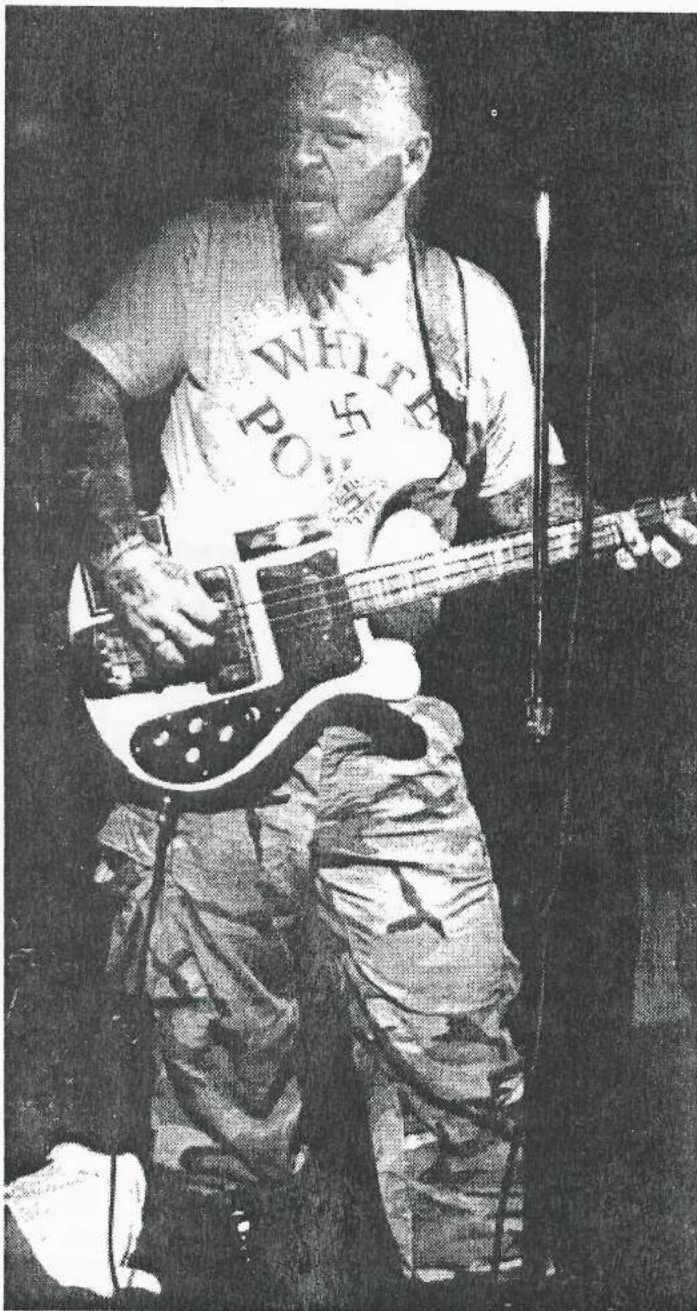
A number of people wore T-shirts supporting the Church of the Creator, a right-wing group that advocates violence, using the term "racial holy war" to describe its aims. Other people wore shirts bearing the name of the Confederate Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

The Front's recruitment drive has targeted young people in Kitchener, Ottawa, and Toronto in the past few weeks. A similar concert in Ottawa on May 29 turned violent when anti-racist protesters confronted the group. Another Heritage Front concert is scheduled for this week in Kitchener, after a recruitment visit to the city last week.

"I think a lot of people go without knowing who is sponsoring the concert or what it is about," said Irving Abella, president of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

"People should know that these concerts are not about music, they are for the purposes of hate. It is important for people to be told of what happens at these concerts before they go."

Mr. Abella said that when anti-racist groups hear of the recruitment meetings and rock concerts, they should protest — but keep their demonstrations peaceful. He said the an-



Lead singer of the rock group Aryan performs at a Heritage Front recruitment meeting on the weekend.

(PETER TYM/The Globe and Mail)

ti-racism protest at the Ottawa concert was "not particularly effective" because it led to the violent confrontation.

Ontario is the prime area of membership for the Front, Mr. Droege said, adding that most members are from Toronto, Hamilton, Ottawa, Kitchener-Waterloo or London.

The reason more young people are joining the group is because they feel dissatisfied with what they perceive to be affirmative action in hiring practices, he said.

"There is a bit of a generational

gap developing because parents don't agree with their children's views," he said. "The disagreement is because their parents have not had to attend integrated schools or compete for jobs that are given to non-whites."

But Mr. Abella thinks the Front is only recruiting people who are not old enough to make responsible decisions.

"Young people are susceptible," he said. "They are usually unemployed and rootless, but they are clearly the future for these groups."

Zundel key global figure for neo-Nazis, group told

Toronto Star 93-06-08

By Peter Edwards
TORONTO STAR

Toronto publisher Ernst Zundel is an important part of the growing international neo-Nazi movement, says an Israeli Jew who infiltrated German pro-Hitler groups.

Yaron Svoray told a crowd of 350 last night at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education of spending seven months ended on April 20 — Hitler's birthday — under cover gathering information on what he called a growing tide of pro-Hitler sentiment inside newly unified Germany.

That neo-Nazi movement is far stronger and more dangerous than German authorities admit, Svoray, 39, the son of Holocaust survivors, said.

Tougher hate literature laws in Germany make Zundel an important propagandist for neo-Nazi sentiments, said Svoray, a journalist who was supported in his undercover work by the anti-Nazi group, the Simon Wiesenthal Centre.

"Most of the literature they need is from outside sources," Svoray said.

"That's part of your problem. I can only point to it."

Svoray said that, until recently, the German press took the tactic of ignoring neo-Nazis in fear that publicity would only increase their support.

"You have to shine a light on these people and show them for



ERNST ZUNDEL: Publisher is called an important part of movement.

what they are," Svoray said. "Tell the truth. Keep telling the truth all the time. Truth will eventually out. I'm not afraid of them and I don't think you should be either."

There was heavy police security outside the hall and about a half dozen well-dressed but burly private security guards inside.

There were no incidents, although some members of the audience were photographed by an official of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre.

Svoray accused German gov-

ernment officials and police of often supporting neo-Nazis.

Svoray said he was arrested seven times while participating in neo-Nazi rallies, but was never actually taken to a jail. Sometimes he was simply dropped off in another area of town, he said. Other times he was treated to coffee from police.

If an Israeli Jew who cannot speak good German can penetrate the ranks of the neo-Nazis, so could any junior German police officer, if police had the will, Svoray said.

He will testify next week before the American Congress and later in the month before the German parliament.

Skinhead braggarts often deflect attention from far more dangerous supporters of the far right, Svoray said.

In his undercover operation, Svoray said he found Nazi supporters include outwardly respectable professionals like teachers, professors, dentists and police officers.

During the time he posed as a Nazi sympathizer, the burly former Israeli paratrooper said he met and interviewed Karl Wilhelm Krause, reportedly Hitler's personal valet; Wolfgang Jochem, who is said to lead an underground group of 10,000 Nazi sympathizers; and Edda Goering, daughter of notorious Nazi war criminal Hermann Goering.

Race attacks on rise, groups say

Toronto Star 93.06.89

Brutal beating of Tamil is latest crime linked to racial hatred

By Peter Small
TORONTO STAR

A vicious, racially motivated beating that has left a Tamil refugee claimant partly paralyzed is part of an alarming increase in neo-Nazi thuggery, anti-racism groups say.

Next week, Metro police plan to release statistics on this year's number of crimes based on hatred of race, nationality, religion or sexual orientation. A police source has pegged the number at around 70.

Ottawa police are probing 80 hate-based crimes since January, said Detective Dan Dunlop of that city's bias crime unit.

"There's no question that there has been an increase in aggress-

sive or assaultive behavior by neo-Nazis and racist factions in Canada," said Bernie Farber of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

"The real question is: Is it planned, or just part and parcel of a criminal mindset?"

Farber blamed the increase on a lack of police will to fight it.

Antoni Shelton, executive director of the Urban Alliance on Race Relations, agreed racist attacks are on the rise and blamed neo-fascist groups and their successful youth recruitment drives.

"The rise of these groups around the country has been documented," Shelton said.

Two weekends ago, more than 500 white supremacists and anti-racist protesters clashed in front of the Parliament Buildings in Ot-

tawa.

In Kitchener last week, a man and a youth were charged after a Jewish store owner confronted three people, two wearing Nazi regalia, and a fight ensued.

In Sunday's brutal beating, Sivaram Vinasithamby, 41, was attacked as he was finishing his shift as a dishwasher at the Tasty restaurant on Bloor St. W. near Clinton St. at about 1:30 a.m.

Police described the attack as unprovoked and racially motivated. An 18-year-old is charged with aggravated assault.

The father of three is in Toronto Western Hospital, his left side paralyzed from blood clotting on the right side of his brain, his cousin Para Sinnathurai said. If

he recovers, he may not be able to work for six to seven months, Sinnathurai added.

Vinasithamby was the family's sole breadwinner so now his wife is relying on help from friends and relatives to pay the family's \$810 a month rent and other expenses.

Meanwhile, his workmates are setting up a fund to help his family.

"He's half paralyzed and his wife can't work," said Tasty restaurant head waitress Sheila Hansen. "They're going to need help."

With the co-operation of the restaurant's owners, Hansen and fellow employees were setting up a fund this morning.

Neo-Nazis held in abduction

Toronto Star

93.06.10

By Gail Swainson
TORONTO STAR

Three members of a neo-Nazi hate group have been charged with kidnapping, forcible confinement and assault in the abduction of a 22-year-old white supremacist.

The three, members of the Toronto branch of the Church of the Creator, were arrested after heavily armed police surrounded a home in the Bayview-Steeles Aves. area of North York about 1 a.m. yesterday.

The victim, a member of the Heritage Front, told police he was picked up in front of his home on Heward Ave. in the Queen St. E.-Carlaw Ave. area, and forced into a van by three men at about 10 a.m. Tuesday.

"He said they drove him around for about three hours, beat him, handcuffed him, threatened to kill him and to inject him with window cleaner solution," Staff Sergeant John Sillats told The Star's Dottie O'Neill.

The victim was in the process of resigning from the Heritage Front at the time of the incident, sources said.

He was dropped off at Queen and Church Sts. and he went to nearby St. Michael's Hospital for

treatment of cuts, abrasions and a sprained right shoulder.

The suspects told police they are members of the Church of the Creator, Sillats said.

Wolfgang Droege, head of the Heritage Front, George Burdi, the 22-year-old leader of the Church of the Creator in Canada, and about a half dozen other Heritage Front members were in court yesterday when the suspects appeared for a bail hearing.

The hearing was rescheduled for today, and the three accused, two wearing army-style khaki T-shirts, were held in custody.

Police seized a 12-gauge shotgun, a .45-calibre semi-automatic and a .22-calibre pistol during a 1 a.m. raid on a home on Maxome Ave.

Burdi said there were six Church of the Creator members in the group's rented North York house when it was raided by police.

Charged with kidnapping, forcible confinement, assault causing bodily harm, uttering death and bodily harm threats are Eric Fisher, 29, Elkar Fisher, 22, and Drew Maynard, 21, all of Maxome Ave.

Eric Fisher is a former sergeant in the Canadian Airborne Regiment and is in charge of security and counter-intelligence for both the Heritage Front and Church of the Creator.

Neo-Nazi trio charged in kidnapping, assault

Toronto Star 93.06.09

By Dottie O'Neill
TORONTO STAR

Three members of a neo-Nazi group face charges of kidnapping and assault in the abduction of a 22-year-old white supremacist, Metro police said today.

The three, members of the Church of the Creator, were arrested after heavily armed police surrounded a North York home early this morning.

The victim, a member of the Heritage Front, told police he was picked up in front of his home on Heward Ave. in the Queen St. E.-Carlaw Ave. area, and forced into a van by three men at about 10 a.m. yesterday.

"They drove him around for about three hours, beat him, handcuffed him, threatened to kill him and to inject him with window cleaner solution," Staff Sergeant John Sillaots said.

The victim was dropped off at Queen and Church Sts. He went to nearby St. Michael's Hospital for treatment of cuts, abrasions

and a sprained right shoulder.

The suspects told police they are members of the Church of the Creator, Sillaots said.

One of the suspects, Eric Fisher, is a former sergeant in the Canadian Airborne Regiment.

He was recently described as the head of the Heritage Front's security legion by group spokesperson Wolfgang Droege.

Droege and George Burdi, head of the Church of the Creator in Canada, and two other Heritage Front members were in court this morning as the three suspects were to appear for bail hearings.

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2 hunted after man battered

Toronto Sun 93.06.08

By LEE LAMOTHE and ROB LAMBERTI
Toronto Sun

Bystanders stood and watched a street assault on a man that ended when the attackers walked away "as if nothing had happened," witnesses say.

Gunalan Muthulingham, 32, is in critical condition at Toronto Western Hospital after surgery as detectives track a man and woman who left him unconscious with severe head injuries.

Metro Police Det. Doug Dunstan said Muthulingham was attacked on Bleecker St., near Carlton St., at 9 p.m. Monday.

"He was stabbed and a beer bottle was apparently used in the attack," Dunstan said.

Kenneth Wilson watched from an eighth-floor balcony as the victim and the couple talked. The man hit Muthulingham. The victim then tried to talk to the woman.

"The next thing I saw was the young guy grabbing him by the head and he went down," said Wilson. "Then I heard a big smash of glass," he said.

Walked away

"The worst part of it is, they walked right down and away. They just walked away ... as if nothing had happened," Wilson said.

Dunstan said a white man, 25 to 30, with a dark complexion, is being sought. He is 5-foot-5 to 5-foot-9 and 160 pounds.

His companion is white, about 30, 5-foot-5 to 5-foot-8, and 210 pounds, with shoulder-length blonde hair.

Family plans now in limbo after breadwinner's beating

Toronto Star 93.06.08

By Peter Small
TORONTO STAR

As a quiet Tamil immigrant lies partly paralyzed in hospital today after a vicious beating, his family agonizes over the future.

"I'm very worried for his life," his wife Sivarajah Bawany, 33, said this morning through a translator. Sivarajah Vinasithamby, 41, was attacked as he was finishing off his shift as a dishwasher at the Tasty restaurant on Bloor St. W. near Clinton St. early Sunday.

Police described the attack as unprovoked and racially motivated, the first instance of bigotry the family has ever encountered in Canada, said cousin Para Sinnathurai, 40.

Today Vinasithamby is in stable condition, but with his left side completely paralyzed from blood clotting on the right side of his brain, his cousin said.

"He tried to speak, but he could not talk well," Sinnathurai said.

Meanwhile his family is in limbo, minus the up to \$400 a week Vinasithamby took home as the sole breadwinner.

His wife spends all day by his bedside in Toronto Western Hospital, while their three children, two girls aged 2 and 8 and a boy aged 6, are looked after by his cousin's family.

Described by fellow restaurant workers as quiet and friendly, the refugee claimant fled to Canada two years ago to escape bombing and persecution after the nation's army took over his village in northern Sri Lanka, his cousin said.

Before he left his homeland he taught high school science while completing his bachelor of science degree from the University of Jaffna, Sinnathurai said.

But the best job Vinasithamby could find here was as a dishwasher at the restaurant, where he worked seven days a week, up to 10 hours a day.



FAMILY MAN: Sivarajah Vinasithamby, shown recently with his youngest daughter Senphoori, 2, hoped for better life.

His bosses say he's hard-working and unfailingly polite.

The well-spoken Tamil was hoping to regularize his immigration status here so he could pay domestic rates for university tuition, Sinnathurai said.

His wife has a bachelor of economics degree and is studying English as a second language and typing so she can get a job in Canada.

But they'll have to wait to improve their lives. If Vinasithamby recovers, it may be seven months before he can work again, his cousin said.

In the meantime, his wife will have to struggle on money from friends and family to meet their \$810 a month rent and feed the children.

Jason Robert Hoolans, 18, of Dundas St. W., is charged with aggravated assault in the beating.

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'RACIALLY MOTIVATED ATTACK'

Toronto Sun 93.06.10

Dad of 3 in coma

By KEVIN HANN
and BILL DUNPHY
Toronto Sun

A father of three remained in a coma yesterday as a skinhead charged in the "racially motivated" attack appeared in court.

Jason Hoolans, 18, was denied bail and a request to be placed under house arrest in the custody of his brother-in-law was rejected.

Sivarajah "Roger" Nivasithamby, 41, was pummeled early Sunday behind a Bloor St. W. restaurant where he worked as a dishwasher.

Staff and patrons of Tasty Restaurant have started a fundraising drive to help support his wife, Bawany, 33, and their children.

Nivasithamby fled to Canada from Sri Lanka

two years ago after their Tamil village was overtaken by the national army.

"He'll be paralyzed on the left side for six to eight months," said co-worker Sheila Hansen, 30. "How's his family going to survive?"

Hansen said regular patrons were angered by the "senseless" beating.

'Nobody deserves that'

"Customers who don't even know him have inquired about how he's doing," she said. "Nobody deserves to have that happen."

Metro Police said the aggravated assault was racially motivated.

Hoolans appeared subdued in Old City Hall courthouse yesterday.

A group of white supremacist Heritage Front members had been present in the courtroom but, after consulting with a lawyer, decided to leave.

Hoolans' lawyer requested his release into the custody of brother-in-law Michael Pinfold.

The Mississauga businessman told court he was willing to put up his family's life savings, \$5,000, as surety that his young brother-in-law will appear in court.

But the request was denied and Hoolans was remanded into custody until a court appearance June 15.

Donations to the Vinasithamby family can be made at Tasty Restaurant on Bloor St. W. at Clinton St. or by calling 537-7553.



ROGER NIVASITHAMBY
Workers set up fund

Man denied bail in Tamil's beating

Toronto Star 93.06.10

A 19-year-old skinhead charged with aggravated assault in the vicious beating of a Tamil immigrant has been refused bail.

Jason Robert Hoolans is charged with beating and kicking Sivarajah Vinasithamby, 41, as he lay on the ground outside a Bloor St. W. restaurant early Sunday morning.

Vinasithamby, a dishwasher at the Tasty restaurant, had just finished his shift when he was beaten. He is listed in fair condition in a coma at Toronto Western Hospital.

"There was an indication (the attack) is racially motivated," Crown Attorney Jennifer Loft told the bail hearing in old city hall.

Police had earlier described the case as unprovoked and racially motivated.

Hoolans has been linked to the Toronto-based militant white supremacist groups the Heritage Front and the Church of the Creator.

About a half dozen female supporters of the two groups,

including Hoolans' girlfriend, sat in court yesterday clutching hands during the hearing.

But Wolfgang Droege, head of the Heritage Front, George Burdi, head of the Church of the Creator, and three other men abruptly left the courtroom when the proceeding began.

They were all in the same court yesterday for the bail hearing of three Church of the Creator members charged with kidnapping, forcible confinement and assault in a separate incident.

When asked by Loft what a skinhead was, Hoolans responded that it is "a working-class movement to build society."

"I am proud of my achievements and proud of my country," Hoolans told the court. "I don't hold extreme racial views. I am proud of my race."

Hoolans admitted he has a drinking problem and experiences difficulty in controlling his temper.

Immigrant dies after beating

Toronto Star 93.06.10

By Dottie O'Neill
TORONTO STAR

A 32-year-old immigrant died in hospital today after suffering massive head injuries when he was beaten and stabbed on a downtown street Monday night.

Gunulan Muthulingham is the second man from Sri Lanka to be the victim of a beating this week.

The victim, who lived on Sherbourne St. with his wife, came to Canada from Sri Lanka about five years ago, Detective Sergeant Rick Gauthier said.

They had no children, he added. Muthulingham worked as a laborer.

Police are looking for witnesses to the fatal beating on Blecker St., north of Carlton St., at about 9 p.m. Monday.

Meanwhile, Sivarajah Vinasithamby, 41, is listed in serious condition at Toronto Western Hospital after a vicious beating early Sunday outside the Bloor St. W. restaurant where he works.

Yesterday, a 19-year-old charged with aggravated assault in the attack, was refused bail.

A dark-complexioned man and heavily built woman are sought in the attack on Muthulingham, Gauthier said, adding the man is a suspect in the killing.

Muthulingham was punched repeatedly in the head and slashed in the face, possibly with



VINASITHAMBY: One of two victims, is in serious condition in hospital.

a broken beer bottle, after an argument with a man and woman who fled.

The suspect is described as white, Italian or Spanish in appearance, between 25 and 30 years of age, from 5 feet 5 to 5 feet 9 inches and weighing 160 pounds. He wore a white T-shirt and dark pants.

His companion is a 200- to 220-pound, "very heavily built" white woman with shoulder-length blonde hair, between 5 feet 5 and 5 feet 8 inches tall. She wore a white top and white Spandex pants.



OFF TO COURT

- Michael Peake, Sun

FORCIBLE CONFINEMENT ... Eric Fischer, left, kidnapping, are led into court yesterday after and his brother Elkar, charged in a terror ride police raided a Church of the Creator house.

Racists held in kidnap, torture

Toronto Sun 93.06.10

By BILL DUNPHY

Toronto Sun

The security chief of the racist Church of the Creator was arrested yesterday after a 22-year-old man was kidnapped, tortured and threatened with death.

The terrified victim, himself a member of the racist Heritage Front, is in hiding under police protection.

The man was taken on a three-hour ride of terror because his assailants believed he had stolen the group's computer, complete with mailing lists and correspondence.

Also arrested in the midnight raid by heavily-armed Metro Police Emergency Task Force members were two other members of the group's security force.

A man told police he had been kidnapped Tuesday morning in the east end, handcuffed and tied, thrown on top of a sleeping bag in the back of a white van and driven around the city.

During the drive, the victim had a plastic bag put over his head, was beaten and threatened with death.

Poisonous fluid

The victim, whom police refuse to identify, said his assailants threatened to inject him with a poisonous cleaning fluid.

Beaten, bleeding and disoriented, he was dropped off by his abductors at St. Michael's Hospital.

Police surrounded a four-bedroom Wiltondale bungalow, home to six members of the Church of the Creator — including its leader George Burdi and the three accused.

Police seized evidence and a 12-gauge shotgun, a .22-calibre pistol and a .45-calibre semi-automatic handgun.

Burdi said he knew nothing about the alleged involvement of his lieutenant and followers in the kidnapping.

"It remains to be seen what happened. But it's a setback to our struggle."

Charged with kidnapping, forcible confinement and assault causing bodily harm are Eric Fischer, 29, Elkar "Carl" Fischer, 22 and Drew Maynard, 21, all of North York. Carl Fischer and Maynard are also charged with threatening death and bodily harm.

The elder Fischer, a former member of the Canadian Forces Airborne Regiment, is security chief of the church.

Teacher with neo-Nazi links is reassigned by Peel board

Toronto Star 93.06.11

By Donovan Vincent
TORONTO STAR

A teacher involved with neo-Nazi groups will be transferred from the Mississauga high school where he has taught young people for 19 years to a setting where he'll be teaching adults.

Paul Fromm's transfer takes effect Sept. 1.

The Peel Region school board announced the decision yesterday, after reviewing reports examining the English teacher's involvement outside the classroom with neo-Nazi organizations.

Fromm's activities indicate "disrespect for the principles of multiculturalism and ethnocultural equity," said board chairperson William Kent.

Kent said the board discussed firing Fromm, "But we don't believe, given present advice and information from legal counsel, that we have a sustainable case. Consequently we did not pursue that option."

"It is clear to us that his presence at Applewood Heights is inappropriate and a detriment to that school," Kent told reporters.

Fromm's new posting has not yet been determined.

Although the Canadian Jewish Congress had demanded Fromm be fired, a spokesperson said the group is satisfied with the board's decision.

"It took a long time, but we're glad it is resolved now. We will be monitoring Mr. Fromm's activities and we'll see what he does in his new position," said Gerda Frieberg, chairperson of the Ontario region of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

The group has been fighting to have Fromm removed for two years.

Frieberg said adults aren't as easily persuaded as young people, and they aren't as vulnerable.

"At the moment, I am satisfied that we succeeded in removing him from the classroom," she told reporters.

In a telephone interview, Fromm said he isn't upset by the transfer and doesn't plan to fight it.

Calling the Jewish Congress "Canada's Number 1 censorship group," Fromm called the decision "another kick in the head to free speech."

A February report by provincially appointed lawyer Jeff Cowan found, among other things,



PAUL FROMM: Peel school board says he'll be teaching adults next fall.

that although Fromm did not take his views into the classroom, his values are "inconsistent" with what teachers should pass on to students.

Last year, the Peel board reprimanded Fromm for participating in racist activities such as a 1991 rally of the white supremacist group Heritage Front. Video footage taken from the rally clearly showed Fromm surrounded by large Nazi flags and emblems.

In 1991, while a native Canadian was speaking at a Toronto City Hall meeting, Fromm was heard to say "scalp them."

After reading Cowan's report, the board asked the province to investigate further two incidents he mentioned: Fromm's attendance at an April, 1991, gathering to celebrate Adolf Hitler's birthday, and his trip last November to Victoria, B.C., to a function held on behalf of British author David Irving. Irving has written and given speeches denying or minimizing the Holocaust.

Fromm has admitted taking part in the events, but maintains he only went to express support for free speech.

The board was unaware of the incidents and wanted to know if the incidents contravened the reprimand given to Fromm.

Cowan did not change his initial findings in a supplementary report issued in May. The lawyer said the activities reinforced his perception that Fromm believes in more than the right of individuals to free speech.

3 attack suspects to wait for bail

Toronto Sun 93.06.11

By BILL DUNPHY
Toronto Sun

Three men charged with kidnapping and terrorizing a Toronto man will spend the weekend in jail.

A 24-year-old told police Tuesday he had been kidnapped, handcuffed and subjected to physical and psychological torture during a three-hour ride of terror through city streets.

Sources say the victim — a member of the racist Heritage Front — was thought to have stolen a computer containing mailing lists and correspondence for the Church of the Creator, a U.S.-based racist group affiliated with the Front in Canada.

One suspect in the abduction, Eric Fischer, 29 of Willowdale, is security chief for the Creators. The other suspects, Elkar "Carl" Fischer and Drew Maynard, 21, are also involved in the group's security wing.

Heritage Front

The Fischer brothers — both former members of the Canadian Armed Forces — appeared in court briefly yesterday with lawyers supplied by Heritage Front leader Wolfgang Droege.

They agreed to postpone their bail hearing until Monday.

Maynard was brought in separately from his co-accused, after court was told there "might be some trouble bringing them in together."

Maynard, who used to run a teenage racist skin-head group called Canadian Alliance, was represented by a lawyer retained by his parents and he also agreed to a Monday bail hearing.

The arrests early Wednesday are the latest in an escalating series of police moves against the Heritage Front.



S. NIVASITHAMBY
He's out of coma

No room for racists: Mayor

Toronto Sun 93-06-11
By KEVIN HANN
Toronto Sun

Toronto Mayor June Rowlands has condemned a "racially motivated" attack that left a father of three paralyzed.

Sivarajah "Roger" Nivasithamby, 41, came out of a coma Wednesday night, but remains in serious condition following an unprovoked assault.

The Tasty Restaurant dishwasher was bru-

tally beaten by a skinhead behind the Bloor St. eatery last Sunday.

"We will not abide such attacks ... nor will the city tolerate the organized activities of white supremacist groups such as Heritage Front," Rowlands said in a written statement yesterday.

She congratulated Metro Police for quick arrests in the Nivasithamby beating and, in a separate case, the kidnapping of a man by

members of the Church of the Creator.

Meanwhile, a fund has been set up for Nivasithamby's wife, Bawany, and three children, to help them meet expenses while he recovers.

Waitress Sheila Hansen said Nivasithamby will be paralyzed on the left side — possibly for six to eight months — and faces extensive rehabilitation.

Donations to the Vinasithamby family can be made at Tasty Restaurant on Bloor St. W. at Clinton St. or by calling 537-7553.

Beaten man becomes 28th homicide

Toronto Star 93-06-11

By Peter Small
TORONTO STAR

A Tamil man who died of a beating on a Toronto street was either the victim of robbery or bigotry, his brother says.

"It was racism or they grabbed something," said Thayalan Muthulingam, 34.

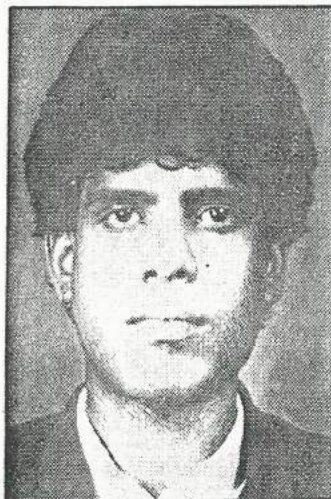
Gunalan Muthulingam, 32, was punched and smashed over the head, likely with a beer bottle, by a man with whom he had "exchanged words" on Bleeker St. just north of Carlton St. at 9 p.m. Monday, police said.

He died yesterday at 5 a.m. in Toronto Western Hospital, making him Metro's 28th homicide this year, compared with 36 at this time last year.

An autopsy listed the cause of death as a head injury related to the assault.

Homicide detectives have found no indication of racial overtones to the attack, but it hasn't been ruled out, homicide Detective Sergeant Rick Gauthier said.

Whatever the motive, Thayalan Muthulingam wants the killer caught "so nobody else gets hurt. It's too late for my brother now," he said.



GUNALAN MUTHULINGAM: Tamil man died after beating this week.

"It's a tragedy," he said, his voice shaky. "It's very bad for our family. We haven't cooked or eaten for three days."

Gunalan and his mother arrived as landed immigrants from Jaffna, Sri Lanka, in 1989, his brother said. He has another brother, two sisters, and an uncle in Metro.

The single man performed simple electronic repairs and general labor at Cabletv Technology in Scarborough.

Police say the man who delivered the two blows that killed Muthulingam was accompanied by a large blonde woman.

Witnesses told police a broken beer bottle found at the scene was used to deliver one of the blows.

Detectives have interviewed witnesses who saw the beating and are trying to contact more, he said. They hope publication of a photo of the victim, bearded at the time of the attack, brings more people forward.

Police are seeking a white man, 25 to 30 years old, with a dark complexion, 5 feet 5 to 5 feet 9, 160 pounds, wearing a white T-shirt and dark pants.

Meanwhile, another Tamil was paralyzed in an attack in Toronto this week.

Sivarajah Vinasithamby, 41, is finally able to talk well but his left hand and left leg are still paralyzed, with no guarantee of recovery, said his cousin Para Sinathurai.

Vinasithamby, a dishwasher at the Tasty Restaurant on Bloor St. W. at Clinton St., was the victim of an attack while finishing his shift early Sunday morning, police said.

The Tamil Eelam Society, a community group providing settlement services to newcomers, has had several calls from Tamils angry about Vinasithamby's beating, said Subramaniam Rajaratnam, a director of the society.

Many are demanding demonstrations to protest the beating.

The Tamil society's leaders are adopting a wait-and-see attitude until they are completely satisfied the attack was racially motivated, Rajaratnam said.

They are to visit the dishwasher at his hospital bedside to question him on the circumstances of the attack, he said.

The restaurant has raised \$1,000 in one day after setting up a fund to help his wife meet expenses for their three children, said co-owner Dimitri Grigorakis.

A 19-year-old skinhead, Jason Robert Hoolans, is charged with aggravated assault in the beating. He was refused bail Wednesday.

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Fromm pulled from school

By BILL DUNPHY
Toronto Sun

A Mississauga high school teacher with links to neo-Nazi and racist groups has been yanked from the school where he taught for 19 years.

Paul Fromm, an English teacher at Applewood Heights Secondary School, was transferred to an as-yet unspecified teaching position somewhere within the school board's adult education program yesterday.

The balding, bespectacled Fromm was co-founder of the Edmund Burke Society and the neo-Nazi Western Guard in the 1970s.

More recently, he has been a guest or guest speaker at racist rallies for a new collection of white power groups.

After the Sun exposed his continuing connections with extreme racist groups, representatives from native and Jewish communities called for his firing. Fromm became the subject of two provincial inquiries.

'Impact'

For the Peel Board of Education, it finally became too much, board chairman William Kent said yesterday.

"Over time you get a cumulative impact of the evidence, and at some point a very strong feeling develops," Kent said yesterday after announcing Fromm's "administrative transfer."

Fromm said he will accept the transfer and move on to the new challenge of teaching adults.

"The sad thing is this being done at the behest of the censorship groups."

The Canadian Jewish Congress applauded the school board's move.

Stoney Creek brawl injures 2 Sikh pupils

Toronto Star 93-06-12

By Paul Kidd
SPECIAL TO THE STAR

STONEY CREEK — The six-member street crime task force of Hamilton-Wentworth Region police is investigating what a student described as "a racial battle" outside Orchard Park Secondary School.

"The whole squad has been assigned to it," said Sergeant Ken Leendertse. "We are classifying it as very serious. We want to quell any problems before they get out of hand."

The brawl sent two Sikh youths to hospital after they were beaten by white youths. Police said one of the Grade 9 students was hit with a baseball bat. Both are now recovering at home.

Both Sikh youths had their turbans torn off, according to other students. And one of the turbans was left on a wooden spike.

Thursday night's clash came after a year-end dance, and some students were expecting it.

"Everyone knew there would be a fight," said Parry Bola, 17, a Grade 12 student and a Sikh who doesn't wear a turban.

"It started in the library when racist kids were showing Hitler

books and stuff like that three days prior to the fight."

Between 200 and 300 students, most of them onlookers, were in a nearby plaza parking lot where the scuffle took place.

However, school officials say two white students have been suspended and up to six more may follow, possibly including both white students and students of East Indian origin.

There are about 150 students of East Indian origin and 30 of Caribbean origin among the 1,430 students at Orchard Park.

"You walk through the classrooms, you walk through the library, you walk through the cafeteria, the kids mingle, the kids get along, and you wouldn't know that there is any type of a problem here at all," vice-principal Bud Fisher said.

Fascist groups in Toronto have escalated their use of violence and intimidation tactics. They are testing how much the community will let them get away with. Now that Anti-Racist Action and other groups have proven we can shut down their meetings and far outnumber them on the streets, they have resorted to more secret organizing tactics. But we aren't going to let them carry out and escalate their violent activities. We have to respond to their terror.

On June 11, we will take the fight to them. We will demonstrate outside a Nazi centre of operation. Their ability to carry out hate crimes from the safety of these headquarters without their neighbours' knowledge is what gives them the nerve to further terrorize Toronto communities and spread hate literature internationally.

In order to prevent Nazi attacks on our march, we are not divulging the location in advance. This action will be self-controlled and the safety of anti-racists will be our top priority. Please join us. We have learned from history that fascism doesn't disappear by just wishing it away. It must be confronted by an overwhelming majority of people standing up and refusing to allow it to grow.

We can prevent fascism from taking root in this country, but we must act before it's too late.

DEMONSTRATE: Friday June 11, 7pm
ASSEMBLE: John Innes Community Centre, Queen & Sherbourne. From there we'll march to the fascists. Bring noise makers, friends, and attitude!

GET INVOLVED!

Your involvement is the key to ARA's success. Whether in educational campaigns, "Rock Against Racism" gigs or in the street, ARA wants you!

ARA has been helping high school students and neighbourhoods build their own independent anti-racist groups. ARA also meets as a large body to coordinate actions and campaigns that bring together concerns from various communities.

Anti-racists have joined forces to show white supremacist organizers that they have a bigger fight on their hands than they anticipated.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Get informed, knowledge is power
- Destroy racist posters and leaflets
- Bring anti-racists to speak in your school
- Confront fascists
- Organize groups in your community
- Join existing anti-racist groups
- Come to the ARA demo on June 11th

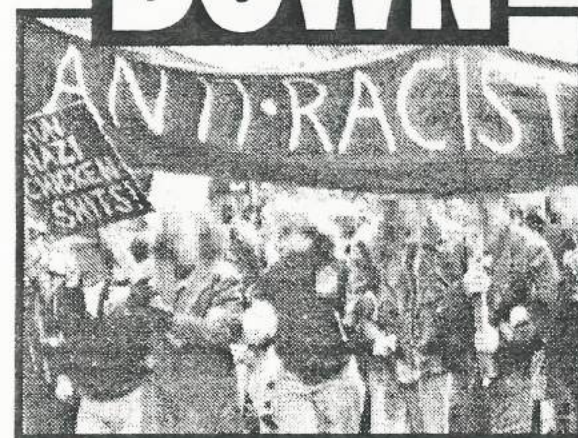
If you want to join Anti-Racist Action, start an ARA group in your school or just get more information, contact at our mailing address (listed below).

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ANTI-RACIST ACTION

WHAT THEY SAY

By day, local neo-nazi organizations like the Heritage Front and the Church of the Creator present themselves as the peaceful advocates of "equal rights for whites". By night, they've revealed themselves to be a violent gang of thugs with genocidal goals.

Their hate line has called for the elimination of lesbians and gay men, the forced incarceration of People Living With AIDS, and has labelled First Nations people who demand their rights as lazy and drunk. And that's just their public face!

WHAT THEY DO

● **ARSON:** In March, a neo-Nazi campaign of phone and physical harassment of workers at a residence for young women culminated in a firebomb attack on the home.

● **ASSAULT:** That same month five neo-Nazis jumped one Black community activist after a night-time community meeting. Last week Heritage Front members hospitalized anti-racists and bystanders using baseball bats, bottles and chains at a rally in Ottawa.

● **HARASSMENT:** Neo-Nazis have organized and directed escalating phone harassment, death threats, physical surveillance and intimidation of anti-racists.

● **VANDALISM:** Local neo-Nazis have carried out numerous acts of vandalism including spraypainting swastikas on the Native Canadian Centre, homes of anti-racist activists, Jewish cemeteries and a youth centre.

● **BOMB THREATS** Neo-Nazis called in bomb threats to an East End elementary school.

● **WITH FRIENDS LIKE THESE:** In April, the Church of the Creator held a demonstration in Toronto in support of The Order, an American neo-Nazi terrorist organization responsible for the assassination of a radio talk show host in Denver, Colorado.

**When they come for our sisters and brothers,
ARA will be there. WILL YOU?**



Fascist organizers are clearly testing the limits of what they can get away with. If they can get away with fire-bombing Toronto residences, what's next? Racist thugs will escalate their terror tactics unless we as united communities say ENOUGH. THE LIMIT IS HERE AND NOW. That's what this demonstration is all about.

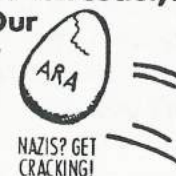
DID YOU KNOW?

● There were over 500 hate crimes reported in Toronto last year! Just as hate groups feed off widespread institutional racism and anti-semitism, their activities feed a climate where violence towards marginalized groups becomes more accepted and racist extremists can pose as mainstream moderates.

● Most people have heard of the wave of fascist violence in Germany which claimed five more lives last month. But did you know that Ernst Zundel, long-time neo-Nazi and historical revisionist, has been sending massive amounts of fascist propaganda into Germany from his operational base here in Toronto?! He is a hero to white supremacists in Germany and is credited with inspiring much of the Nazi violence.

WHAT IS ANTI-RACIST ACTION?

Anti-Racist Action (ARA) came together to bring people out onto the streets to show the strength of our opposition to fascism as well as our commitment to a multi-racial, multi-cultural, sexually diverse, liberated and fun society. ARA is an open group. Our meetings are wheelchair accessible and childcare is provided.



ON THE PROWL!

● **ARA is born** (September) — When the Heritage Front planned a march on the courthouse to support their telephone HATEline, a counter-demo comes together with 40 hours notice. We greatly outnumber the fascists, many of whom flee in panic.

● **Roma Rally** (November) — ARA shuts down a secret Heritage Front rally featuring several prominent neo-nazi speakers. Over 100 humiliated racists are forced to slink out of the building under police escort.

● **Queers bash back** (December) — After the murder of a Montreal gay man by nazi youth, hundreds march through Toronto's queer community to show that we cannot be intimidated by fascist homophobes.

● **Anti-racist student campaign** (January) — ARA joins the response to fascist recruitment and leafletting in Toronto's high schools with a mass rally at Riverdale School and march through the East End.

● **Infamous courthouse demo** (January) — Over 500 people show up at 8am to stop another attempted public display of fascist force. Only 30 neo-nazis dare show up and march into the courtroom under cover of a mounted police attack on anti-racists.

● **Remembering Jewish resistance** (April) — Jewish Feminist Anti-Fascist League and ARA commemorate the 1943 Warsaw ghetto uprising against the Nazi occupation.

● **Stop Killer Cops** (May) — ARA and the Black Action Defense Committee marched for an end to racist police violence

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RISE UP AGAINST FASCISM

IN COMMEMORATION OF THE WARSAW GHETTO UPRISING
50 YEARS ♦ April 19, 1943 – April 19, 1993

On April 19, 1943, in Nazi-occupied Poland, Jews who were forced to live in the Warsaw Ghetto began the first major civilian revolt against the Nazi extermination machine. Despite starvation, disease, and lack of weapons, the uprising lasted 43 days. This active resistance was a signal for other groups to fight back.

HISTORY IS IN DANGER of being repeated. Right-wing violence and neo-Nazi attacks are escalating in Canada and around the world against Jews, lesbians and gays, Blacks, Asians, other people of colour, Gypsies, people of the First Nations, immigrants, refugees, homeless people, people with disabilities and psychiatric survivors, among others. All of our communities are under attack.

We commemorate the resistance of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising 50 years ago and we continue the struggle against racism and fascism today.

Join us ♦ Our voices will not be silenced!

INFO RALLY & MARCH

Monday April 19, 1993 ♦ 5:30 pm
519 Church Street Community Centre (Church St. North of Wellesley)

Organized by the Jewish Feminist Anti-Fascist League
with the support of Anti-Racist Action and its Jewish caucus

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Fargest Nisht! **NEVER FORGET!** *Mer Keyn Mol Nisht!* **NEVER AGAIN!**

**OUR CITY IS A
NAZI-FREE ZONE!**



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REACT TO FASCIST ATTACKS SHUT 'EM DOWN

Over 500 hate crimes are committed every year in Toronto. White supremacists are showing their ugly face – and violent acts by local Nazis are escalating.

For example:

- **ARSON** attack and terror campaign on residence for young women
- **ASSAULT:** Five-on-one physical attack on Black community activist
- **HARASSMENT:** continued threats to anti-racists

JUNE 11, 1993 – WE FIGHT BACK.

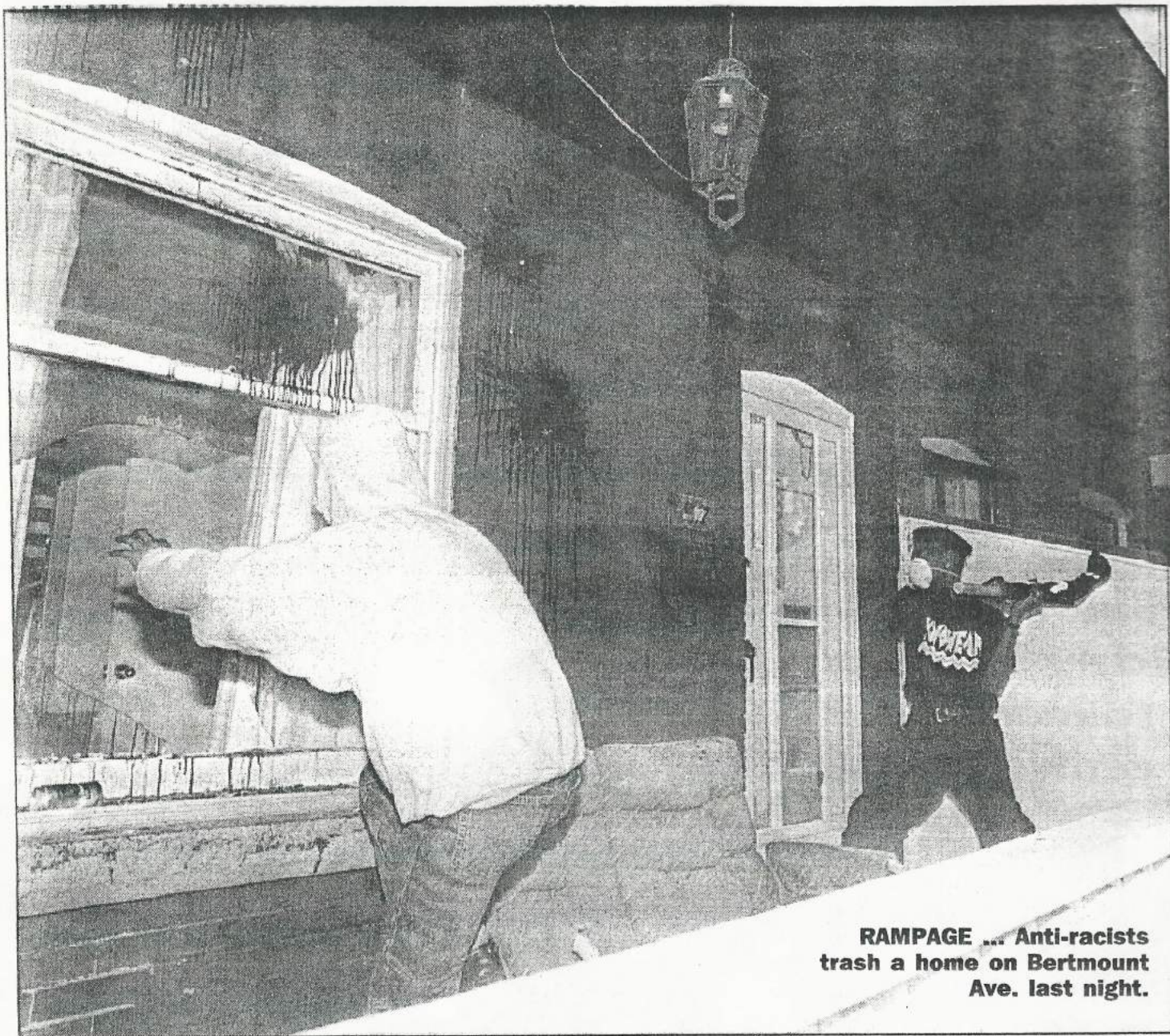
Assemble at John Innes Community Centre,
Sherbourne and Queen Sts.

Friday 7:00 pm sharp
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RAMPAGE ... Anti-racists trash a home on Bertmount Ave. last night.

- Veronica Henri, Sun

VANDALS ELUDE POLICE

Toronto Sun 93-06-12

Racist's home hit

**By BILL DUNPHY
Toronto Sun**

A rampaging mob of 300 anti-racists trashed the rented east-Toronto home of a prominent racist last night.

Organizers for Anti-Racist Action (ARA) pulled a fast one on Metro Police and racist security forces, who had expected them to demonstrate at the Carlton St. home of Holocaust denier Ernst Zundel.

Six officers stood by helplessly as hooded ARA thugs smashed windows and doors at the Bertmount Ave. home of Gary Schipper, the "voice of the Heritage Front."

Demonstrators tossed smoke bombs, paint bombs, rocks and bags of excrement through

the front and side windows of the small, semi-detached Queen St.-Jones Ave. area home.

Schipper, who returned home soon after the 7 p.m. attack, said: "The communist rabble have shown their true colors.

"I'm never surprised by what they do."

Schipper, who said he had no insurance, said he felt the worst for the owners of the house he rents.

"I planned on moving out at the end of the month anyway," said Schipper.

One of Schipper's neighbors, who watched the destruction from his front porch, expressed disgust at the demonstrators' action.

"There's no way this is going to get rid of the Nazis. They're behaving like a bunch of bloody children," said Ronald Hovbay.

A small group of racists led by a furious Heritage Front boss Wolfgang Droege promised revenge if the police fail to arrest the vandals.

Droege, his face clouded with fury, said: "The ARA has five of our addresses. We have 74 of their residences."

The mob, which arrived at Schipper's house via the TTC, hopped a westbound Queen St. streetcar and dispersed in the subway.

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Anti-racists vent anger on white supremacist

Demonstrators vandalize house while outnumbered police look on

Toronto Globe and Mail 93.06.12

BY JENNIFER LEWINGTON
The Globe and Mail

TORONTO — Anti-racist demonstrators marched on the home of a white supremacist in the city's east end last night, hurling paint and excrement at the house and smashing ground-floor windows and a door while a small number of police looked on.

As shocked neighbours emerged from their homes to watch, about 175 members of Anti-Racist Action (ARA), which has been mobilizing high school and university students over the past year, converged on a house near Queen Street and Jones Avenue where tenant Gary Schipper says he operates an "information

hot line for the Heritage Front, a white-supremacist group.

Chanting "Hey, hey, ho, ho, Gary Schipper's got to go," and other slogans, the demonstrators linked arms in a circle while some members of the group, their faces covered with kerchiefs and hoods, shattered the door and windows. Others threw several noisy, smoky firecrackers and paint bombs on the front lawn and at the house.

The leaders of the well-publicized demonstration, who refused to give their real names, were secretive about their intended destination as they met in a downtown park.

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Demonstrators trash home

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Metro Police officials tried to meet with the group before the march, but said organizers refused to do so.

The police and some reporters had expected the group to head for the home of Holocaust revisionist and publisher Ernst Zundel.

Staff Inspector Stan Shillington last night defended the police officers' decision not to step in and stop the vandalism. He said the force had prepared for the demonstrators and had assigned officers to the address they believed to be the target, leaving only a few officers to follow the crowd.

When the crowd went to another location, the officers following them were "totally outnumbered," he said. At the peak of the demonstration, fewer than half a dozen officers could be seen.

Staff Insp. Shillington said if the police officers had stepped in, the violence might have escalated and someone could have been injured.

Starting from a park at Sherbourne and Queen, the demonstrators marched briefly before boarding eastbound TTC cars. "ARA the better way," quipped one demonstrator as members of the mostly young group crowded onto the cars.

The march organizers did not specify their destination until they arrived at the house, handing out leaflets about Mr. Schipper and neo-Nazi activities in Toronto.

Mr. Schipper told reporters he left his home shortly before the demonstrators arrived and returned after they left to survey the damage.

Accompanied by a group of young men, one wearing a Confederate flag bandanna, Mr. Schipper complained that "anti-racists are very violent, much more violent than so-called racists ... they're very frustrated, confused people."

He said he has only been living at the house for five months, but had planned to move out at the end of June.

Wolfgang Droege, a spokesman for the Heritage Front, complained to the 12 police officers present about their failure to arrest anyone on the spot.

Staff Insp. Shillington said last night, "We are anticipating arrests."

Chris Hannah, who sat on the front steps of his home as the chanting demonstrators made their way to Mr. Schipper's house, said he knew nothing of any neo-Nazi activities in the neighbourhood. "If it's true, I don't disagree" with the anti-racist sentiments, he said.

Anti-racist mob trashes home

Toronto Star 93.06.12

By Gail Swainson
and Jim Wilkes
TORONTO STAR

A frenzied mob of more than 200 anti-racist demonstrators rampaged in east end Toronto last night, vandalizing the home of a well-known white supremacist as police watched.

None of the screaming demonstrators was arrested after smoke bombs, rocks, paint, human excrement and even a child's bicycle were thrown through the windows of the Bertmount Ave. home of Gary Schipper.

Schipper, who operates the Heritage Front Hotline, a white supremacist telephone information line, appeared shaken when he arrived at his rented house, south of Dundas St. E., east of Carlaw Ave., only moments after the throng left.

Demonstrators said he had been singled out because he is a "Nazi hatemonger." The Heritage Front Hotline has been the target of complaints to the Ontario Human Rights Commission over the past several years.

"This doesn't surprise me," Schipper said as he grimly surveyed the smashed glass and spattered pink paint on his front porch.

"These anti-racists are terrorists. They are very violent people.

"I think they are the people who should be feared."

The demonstration was organized by Anti-Racist Action, an umbrella group of gays, lesbians, anarchists and the far left.

They massed in a downtown park, then hopped on to streetcars to Queen St. E. and Jones Ave., where they reassembled in another park for the three-block march to Schipper's home.

Demonstrators handed out leaflets, accusing Schipper of promoting racism and hatred, to startled residents along the route. Many carried photos of Schipper's face on sticks. Others stuck the photos into lawns and set them ablaze.

Horrified neighbors watched as masked youths repeatedly attacked the house, then raced back into the anonymity of the mob.

Many recoiled in terror as smoke bombs and firecrackers exploded amid the chanting crowd.

"They're acting like a bunch of 2-year-olds," cursed Ronald Hobday, 62, who has lived on Bertmount Ave. for more than 40 years.

"What a bloody charade, for crying out loud.

"And the police just stood there and did nothing."

Hobday said Schipper, who moved into the quiet neighborhood about six months ago, was a quiet person who never attracted attention to himself or his activities.

"We've never had any problems with the guy," he said.

"Most people probably don't even know he lives there."

An enraged Wolfgang Droegge, head of the Toronto-based white supremacist and neo-Nazi Heritage Front, stormed into the house and vowed revenge on the anti-racist protesters.

"They're cowards to target individuals like this," Droegge said.

"From now on, if that's the way they want to play the game, that's fine."

One furious young white supremacist held a black Anti-Racist Action banner high and lit it on fire, shouting "get the ARA."

A police official told The Star that outnumbered officers didn't intervene when the mob attacked Schipper's home because they feared arrests might lead to more violence. About a dozen police were at the house.

"At least no one was hurt," said Staff Sergeant Terry Adams.

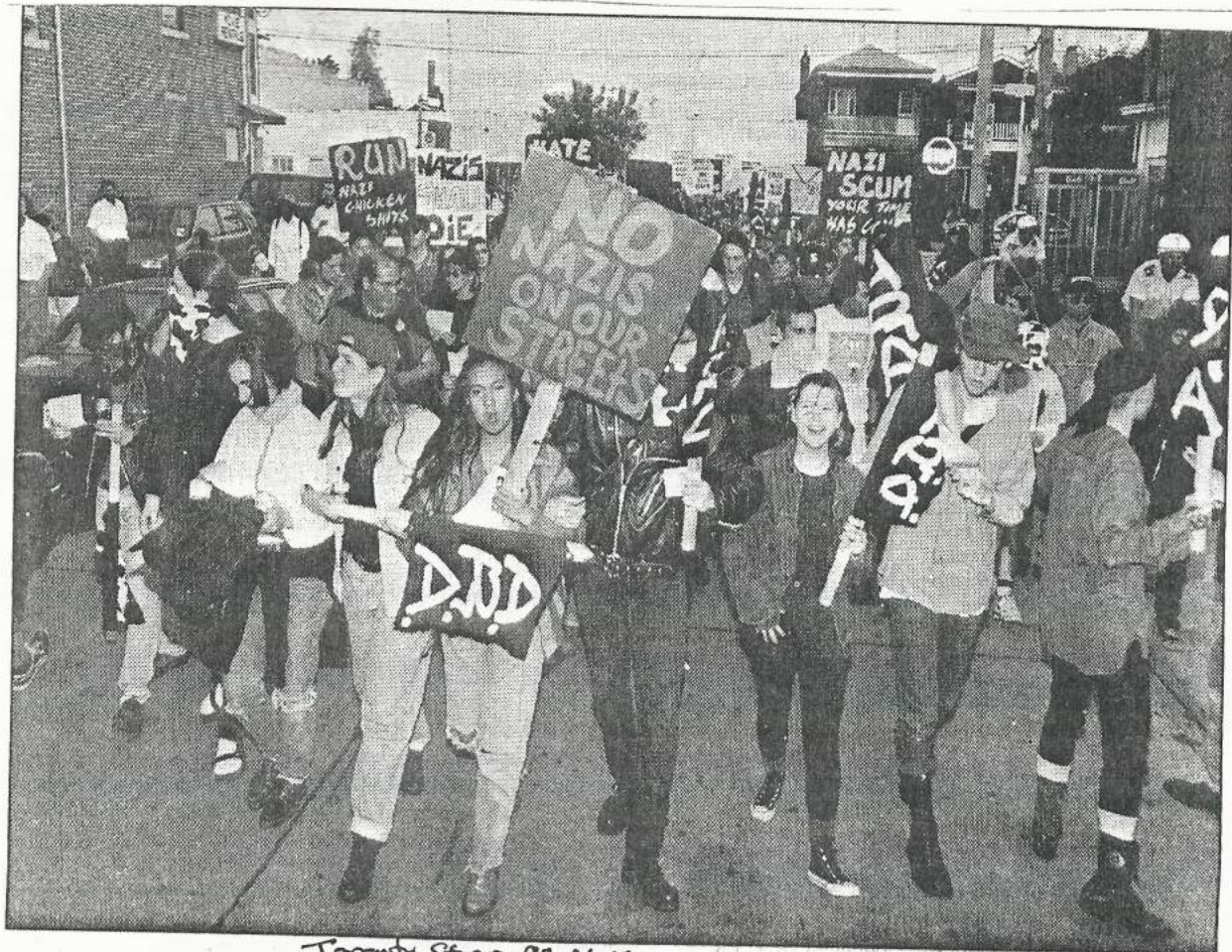
Earlier, white supremacists gathered outside the Carlton St. home of Ernst Zundel, which had been draped in plastic sheeting in anticipation of an attack that didn't come.

Both police and Heritage Front officials said they anticipate more trouble in coming weeks.



Toronto Star 93.06.12 KEN FAUGHT/TORONTO STAR
UNDER WRAPS: Ernst Zundel's home
was draped in plastic last night in anticipation of an attack by anti-racists.

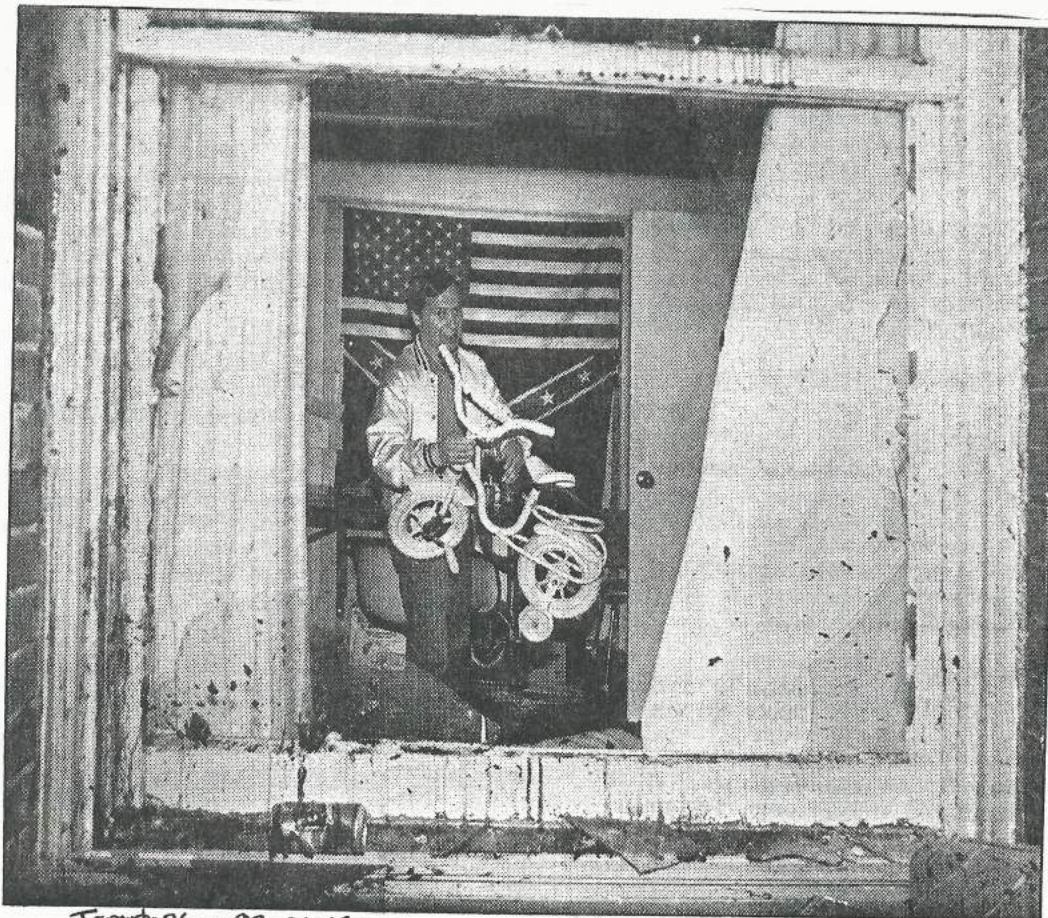
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JIM WILKES/TORONTO STAR

ANGRY MOB: Angry members of Anti-Racist Action march up Bertmount Ave. last night.



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JIM WILKES/TORONTO STAR

HOME DAMAGED: Gary Schlipper holds a small bicycle that was thrown through the front window of his home last night by angry anti-racist protesters.

Smash the Nazi menace

Within living memory of the holocaust, in which millions died at the hands of the Nazis, fascism is once again rearing its ugly head. In Germany and across Europe, neo-nazis are trying to build a mass movement through a murderous campaign of racism and anti-immigrant bigotry. And in Canada, small groups of fascist scum like the Heritage Front (HF) are trying to mimic the successes of their cronies in Europe.

But the growth of fascism is not inevitable. In Europe, hundreds of thousands have demonstrated against nazi fire-bombings and other attacks. In Canada, demonstrations by hundreds in Ottawa and Toronto and by three thousand in Vancouver last January show the potential to build a broad-based united front against the fascists.

While fascist groups in Canada are growing more confident, they are still weak. Despite their best efforts, they are unable to turn out more than a few dozen to their rallies and marches. But this doesn't mean that we can accept the strategy of liberals who think cops, courts and mainstream politicians will stop racism.

It is these same mainstream parties that create the conditions in which fascism can grow — by slashing jobs, wages and social services to make working people pay for the bosses' recession and by scapegoating immigrants and people of colour. And as anti-racist demonstrators have learned time and again, the cops always protect the nazis and usually end up viciously attacking anti-racists. This is right in keeping with the long history of racist shootings and harassment by cops from L.A. to Oka to Toronto.

Shut the Nazis Down

To stop the nazis from growing we have to build a movement strong enough to smash their marches and shut down their public events. Demonstrators in Vancouver in January and in Ottawa last month showed it is possible to build militant actions involving the labour movement, blacks, immigrants, native people, lesbians and gays, women's organizations and the left. Only this kind of *united front* can physically stop the neo-nazis, even when the cops protect them.

It was exactly this tactic that smashed the fascist National Front in Britain in the late 70s. When the NF tried to march through the largely immigrant neighborhood of Lewisham, the Socialist Worker's Party (sister organization to the International Socialists) built a counter demonstration of 5,000, including thousands of local black and white youth, trade unionists, socialists and anti-racists. With these numbers, the anti-fascists were able to smash through the police riot squads to break up the nazi march. This victory,

together with the launch of the Anti-Nazi League, dealt British fascism a political defeat from which it has yet to recover.

Building a United Front

This kind of united front can stop the neo-nazis in Canada. But there are no short cuts to building an anti-racist movement capable of mass mobilization. Small groups of militants will not stop the Heritage Front through petty confrontations with the cops or the fascists. Individual heroics can't overcome the cops and won't demoralize the nazis. Moreover, this tactic can end up giving the fascists a focus, and the failure to mobilize large numbers of anti-racists can increase the nazis' confidence.

In Toronto there is the potential for a much broader and stronger anti-racist fightback. When the Metro police viciously attacked the Anti Racist Action (ARA) demo last January, representatives of black and anti-racist groups, women's organizations and the union movement publicly supported ARA and denounced the cops. But ARA has failed to consolidate this support and build a sustainable mass fightback.

Instead, ARA has focussed on isolated street mobilizations against the fascists. Such actions by small groups of militants, however well intended, cannot stop the Heritage Front. Instead, we need to isolate and defeat the HF *politically* by mobilizing in the thousands to shut them down.

This means building a broad anti-racist coalition that focuses on activism and mass mobilization. It means exposing the Heritage Front as a Nazi Front. It means taking on the systemic racism that creates the conditions in which the nazis grow — from racist police violence to the backlash against immigrants, native people and francophones. And it means building concrete links with groups who have a direct interest in fighting racism and bigotry — immigrants and people of colour, native people, trade unions, women's groups, lesbian and gay organizations and students.

There is a real opportunity to build a genuine united front against the fascists.

THE NAZI MENACE CAN
BE SMASHED!





HATEMONGERS IN YOUR NEIGHBOUR- HOOD

White supremacist hatemongers are showing their ugly face in Toronto. Over the past few years they have been organizing under the umbrella of the so-called Heritage Front and promoting racism and hatred. Most of their violent activities are directed from secret locations in our own neighbourhoods, like this one, the coordinating centre of the Heritage Front "Hotline".

The Hateline is co-ordinated by Gary Schipper from 97 Bertmount, who writes and records the daily messages. The Hateline is the Front's main propaganda tool and it is used to launch attacks on the Black, Asian, Native and Jewish communities, lesbians and gay men, immigrants and refugees, feminists and anti-racists. Schipper can regularly be heard cheering on murderous neo-Nazi thugs in Germany, South Africa and the U.S.A.

The Hateline has operated in Toronto for 2 years. Toronto fascists use the Hateline as a major recruiting and organizing tool, particularly among youth. It advertises Heritage Front meetings and other neo-Nazi events around southern Ontario, and is currently under investigation by the Canadian Human Rights Commission for spreading hate. (Watch for the Commission hearings in September.)

But in the meantime, and no matter what the courts say, we must prevent fascism from taking root in this country, and act now before it's too late. Join us in taking a stand for our vision of a diverse and healthy society.

NAZIS HAVE NO PLACE IN OUR NEIGHBOURHOODS.

ANTI-RACIST ACTION

JUNE 12, 1993

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

To: Members of the press, community groups and the residents of South Riverdale, Toronto:

ARA action a response to violence

Anti-Racist Action Responds to Rise in Violent Attacks

- A Tamil man grabbed and beaten by a drunk and pumped up Nazi after a Heritage Front event.
- An anti-semitic attack on a man in Kitchener by Nazis
- # people hospitalized when neo-nazis went on rampage through streets of Ottawa after HF recruiting event
- also recently: arson attack on residence for young women, five-on-one assault of Black community activist

Anti-Racist Action marched through the South Riverdale community on Friday, June 11 to expose, oppose and confront a violent white supremacist centre of organizing activity in that area. The demonstration targeted a residence where Gary Schipper writes and records the vile messages of the Heritage Front Hateline.

From 97 Bertmount St., Schipper preached fascist intolerance and constantly recorded openly violent racist, anti-semitic and homophobic messages. The Hateline is also used as a promotion and recruitment tool for the Heritage Front and paramilitary organization Church of the Creator, groups that have a long record of hatemongering, violence and intimidation.

Not surprisingly, most of Gary Schipper's neighbours were shocked and outraged to discover that neo-nazi organizing was going on in their backyards. Anti-Racist Action supporters who went door to door explaining our presence met with overwhelming support from area residents.

Toronto's East End has long been the home of various white supremacist groups trying to gain a foothold in a working-class area and threatening the safety of many new Canadians who come to this neighbourhood, as well as Canadians of colour, Jewish, disabled, lesbian, gay and anti-racist members of this community.

Anti-Racist Action joins with the South Riverdale residents in hoping that their community will soon be free of white supremacist activity, because organizing for "race war" and promoting Hitler's "final solution" is the ultimate breach of peace. We apologize to the community for any concern that may have been caused by the controlled anger that Heritage Front attacks provoked from protestors. We offer reassurance that absolutely no one was injured and no damage was caused anywhere else during the demonstration.

We would rather see people and their communities defend themselves rather than cowering in fear and silence as a result of fascist intimidation.

Anti-Racist Action uses the power of numbers to stand up for a vision of a diverse and healthy society where hate cannot flourish. We are a youth-oriented movement united by the need for street-level protest against Nazi attacks as well as the need for action and education to prevent recruiting of young whites into racist groups.

History has shown that an effective method of protest is direct action using the power of numbers. Fascism will not disappear by wishing it away. The Riverdale community, through such protests in the 1980's, was able to stop the growth of local fascism at that time. But in the late 80's and early 90's, the fascists have regrouped and are now escalating their use of terror tactics. The current rise of fascism in other countries such as Germany has not been prevented even by strong laws against it. The police and the courts in Canada sometimes slow down white supremacist activity, but they are not the only avenue for defeating fascism - particularly when members of neo-nazi groups are employed by the military and police forces.

Anti-Racist Action remain committed to taking an active stand against racist, fascist and white supremacist organizing in Toronto and in other Ontario towns and cities. We are a single group in a broad anti-racist movement and we support all efforts and strategies to say NO TO NAZIS, whenever and wherever they appear.

To contact ARA, please leave a message on our info line at 363-7541.

White power man charged in melee

Toronto Sun 93-06-13

By ERROL NAZARETH
Toronto Sun

Heritage Front boss Wolfgang Droege was charged with packing a dangerous weapon after a wild street fight yesterday between his followers and anti-racists.

Police say about 75 people armed with bottles, pipes, rocks and baseball bats clashed at College and Lippincott Streets.

The 12:30 a.m. fracas followed the earlier trashing of prominent Front member Gary Schipper's east Toronto home by Anti-Racist Action members.

Christopher Newhook, 23, was charged with assault with intent to resist arrest and anti-racist protester Katrin Clouse, 20, was charged with assaulting a police officer.

Front members Newhook and Peter Mitreuski, 24, were also charged with weapons-related offences.

Metro Police say they're ready "to step in" if the white-supremacist Front makes good on its promise to take revenge on ARA if those who vandalised Schipper's home aren't arrested.

"We're concerned when anyone starts talking about taking the law into their own hands," said 55 Division Staff-Sgt. Wayne Pye.

"Hopefully it's just talk," Pye said, but "if they start taking steps to take revenge, we're going to step in."

Pye said police hope to arrest some of the 300 people who tossed smoke bombs, rocks and paint bombs at Schipper's home.

Thugs attack Sikh students

Toronto Sun 93-06-12

STONEY CREEK (CP) — A high-school dance turned ugly when a mob of teenage boys attacked two Sikh students, kicking them and tearing off their turbans, witnesses said.

"They took their turbans and pulled their hair ... The two got up and they were pushed down again," a student, who didn't want to be named for fear of reprisals, said.

The two Grade 9 students at Orchard Park School were chased by a gang of white males, pushed to the ground and kicked Thursday night, according to two 16-year-old girls.

Both youths were treated for minor injuries.

Police, responding to calls that a fight was taking place near the school, encountered a crowd of 200 to 300 students "milling around a parking lot across the street from the school," a police spokesman said.

"There were racial overtones to it, I won't deny that," said Insp. Gene Williams. "Some people tried to get a racial thing going."

An argument started at the dance when white students complained too much rap, hip-hop and house music — most of it performed by black musicians — was being played.

After the dance, some youths traded insults and the melee started.

2 sides battle on College St. after house trashed

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By Jack Lakey
TORONTO STAR



WOLFGANG DROEGE: Leader held after white supremacists sought cross-town revenge.

The leader of the white supremacist Heritage Front is in jail after a large brawl early yesterday between the group's members and anti-racists.

Wolfgang Droege, who heads the Heritage Front, was among four people arrested after his group sought out anti-racists who had trashed the home of a prominent white supremacist hours earlier.

Droege, 44, was charged with possession of a dangerous weapon and had a bail hearing yesterday, but was remanded in custody. Metro police were unable to say why he didn't make bail or when another hearing would be held.

Police said about 75 people with Heritage Front and the opposing Anti-Racist Action used baseball bats, pipes, rocks and bottles during their clash on College St. shortly after midnight.

Enraged by the earlier attack, the supremacists "stomped all over people" and "just went crazy," a witness said.

"They wanted to kill anybody."

Police cruisers rushed to the scene and no serious injuries were reported, but at least one man suffered a broken arm and others received cuts and bruises in the scuffle.

A few hours earlier, about 200 people at a rally organized by Anti-Racist Action went on a rampage at the east-end home of Gary Schipper, the voice of the Heritage Front's telephone hotline.

Anti-Racist Action is an umbrella group of lesbians, gays, anarchists and members of the far left, police say.

The screaming protesters hurled rocks, smoke bombs, paint, human excrement and even a child's bicycle through the windows of Schipper's rented home on Bertmount Ave. near Pape Ave. and Queen St. E.

Police said the attack was well-planned and some demonstrators carried extra clothing so they could change quickly and avoid being identified and arrested near the scene.

Demonstrators said Schipper had been singled out because he is a "Nazi hate-monger." The Heritage Front's hotline has been the subject of numerous human rights complaints.

Staff Sergeant George Cowley of 55 division said the attack on Schipper's home is under investigation by the major crimes unit.

"Identification is part of the problem, but we have tentatively identified some of them," Cowley said. "We are quite confident arrests will be made."

About a dozen police were present when Schipper's house was trashed, but officers said they didn't intervene because they were outnumbered and feared more violence if anyone was arrested.

Schipper, who was not home at the time, said he does not blame police for failing to protect his property. He said police were led to believe the protesters were marching on the home of neo-Nazi publisher Ernst Zundel, but attacked his house instead.

He said some Heritage Front members were livid about the attack and went to Sneaky Dee's, a bar at the corner of College and Bathurst Sts., looking to get even.

Eric Patton, who was the doorman at Sneaky Dee's on Friday night, said 30 to 40 "big guys and guys with shaved heads, skinhead types" came in as a group around midnight, looking for trouble.

Many other patrons became nervous and left after the group arrived, Patton said. The newcomers broke up into smaller groups and left about 20 minutes later, but when police cruisers began racing past the bar, Patton said he noticed a brawl had erupted on College, near Lippincott St.

"Those guys stomped all over people," he said. "They just went crazy. They wanted to kill anybody. There were riot cops everywhere and a lot of glass flying around. Cops were tackling guys all over the place."

Killing racially motivated?

Toronto Sun 93-06-14
By GEORGE CHRISTOPOULOS
Toronto Sun

A man who died after a vicious beating may have been the victim of a racially motivated attack, police say.

Gunalan Muthulingam, 32, died at Toronto Western Hospital from head injuries almost three days after the attack, an autopsy showed yesterday.

The native of Sri Lanka was Metro's 28th murder victim of the year.

Metro Homicide Det. Terry Doyle said the possibility of a racial attack is "not out of the question."

"We're definitely not ruling it out," he said.

Doyle said Muthulingam was attacked by a man and a woman on Bleecker St., near Carlton St., at 9 p.m. Monday.

"The incident occurred after a verbal exchange between the two men," said Doyle.

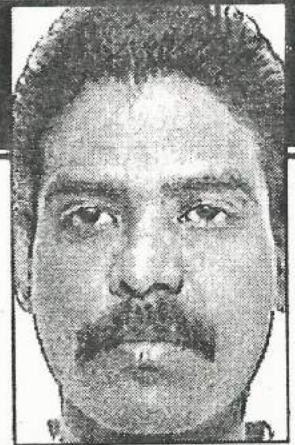
"Muthulingam was then attacked with a beer bottle," Doyle said.

Doyle said several people watched the attack, but did nothing to stop it.

The male culprit's white, between 5-foot-5 and 5-foot-9 and weighs about 160 pounds.

His female companion is white, about 30, five-foot-5 to five-foot-8, weighs about 210 pounds with shoulder-length blonde hair and was last seen wearing a white shirt and light coloured Spandex pants.

Anyone with information should call homicide at 324-6150 or Crimestoppers at 222-TIPS.



G. MUTHULINGAM
Murder victim

Heritage Front trio in court

The leader of the racist Heritage Front and two followers appear in court today as a result of their arrests Friday.

Wolfgang Droege, Christopher Newhook, 23, and Peter Mitreuski, 24, face weapons-related charges and will appear at a bail hearing at Old City Hall.

Newhook is also charged with assault with intent to resist arrest.

The arrests came after a mob of about 300 anti-racists attacked the home of a Heritage Front member.

Police said six people involved in the trashing have been identified so far.

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Violence by anti-racists called harmful to cause

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BY DAVID HILDERLEY
Special to The Globe and Mail

TORONTO — The attacks of anti-racist demonstrators on white-supremacist groups are not helping the battle against them, says the chairwoman of the Metropolitan Toronto Council's committee to combat racism.

"I certainly don't condone violence no matter who is perpetrating it," Councillor Bev Salmon said.

"It isn't the solution and all it leads to is injuries and people being charged with criminal offences."

The latest violent confrontation erupted Friday evening after some of about 200 Anti-Racist Action protesters smashed windows and hurled paint at the home of a member of a white-supremacist group, the Heritage Front.

Later, about 75 people from the ARA and Heritage Front met at the intersection of College and Bathurst streets and battled with bottles, pipes and baseball bats.

The confrontation is the second in recent weeks between the Heritage Front and anti-racist groups. On May 29, Heritage Front members were attacked by anti-racist group members after a Front recruiting concert in Ottawa.

The clashes present a problem for other anti-racist groups who advocate more peaceful solutions.

"While I can understand why these young people feel frustrated at police inaction, violence is only counterproductive," said Bernie Farber, spokesman for the Canadian Jewish Congress.

Why not just let racists, vigilantes pound it out

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Oh, they're having some fun now, aren't they?

What a downright orgiastic weekend it's been for the headbashers. Shattered windows, hysterical demonstrations in residential neighborhoods, excrement whizzing through the air, pay-back assaults, search-and-destroy raids on College St. W., bloody noses, broken bones.

And prominent media coverage, because a little bit of extremist warfare on the local scene is a nice antidote for the interminable political quadrille in Ottawa. At the very least, it makes for better visuals.

Such a feeling of accomplishment there must be this morning, mixed in with the outrage and the hissing of hate-mongers and the demands for Justice To Be Done. Hell, even neo-Nazis can play the wounded sensibilities game. "We have rights, too," whines Gary Schipper, the voice behind all those revolting Heritage Front hotline messages, whose rented house was attacked by storm troopers of another philosophical bent on Friday night.

Schipper, chain-smoking and flicking ashes on the carpet in his east-end home — a sheet of plywood has been affixed to the front wall, where the window used to be; shards of glass still litter the floor, because nobody's in a hurry to get rid of the evidence — sits in front of a huge Canadian flag and howls in indignation.

"They're the ones who don't care about freedom of speech, they're the ones who are promoting violence, they're the ones who started all this," insists the 41-year-old self-described "telemarketer," who wasn't home when the house was hit by a group of anti-hate haters. (The reason Schipper wasn't home is because he, and other Front members, were out looking for the demonstrators who were believed to be heading for Ernst Zundel's residence. That house, as a precautionary measure, had been sealed in what looked very much like a giant condom. Which seems like an appropriate defence for such a dick.)

Anyway, Schipper's tormenters (hard to keep these mobs straight) had been organized and incited by Anti-Racist Action — an equally tiresome cabal of thugs, a sort of politically correct posse — who could quite properly be described as the flip side of the Heritage Front coin.

In fact, one could argue that, had some of the ARA devotees not found their niche with this unfortunate collection of hooligans, they would have been welcomed with open arms by the Front. Different objectives, same tactics. Perhaps you will recall when the ARA last hit the headlines big-time: the melee which ensued when ARA members confronted a group of white supremacists outside a University Ave. courthouse in January. The ARA later appeared before the Metro Police Services Board, and accused the police of "complicity" with the neo-Nazis. Cuckoo.

Not that Schipper, a white supremacist who finds it necessary to explain that, while he was adopted and raised by a Jewish family, he "doesn't have a drop of Jewish blood in me," is buying any comparison between his louts and their louts. "The kids maybe. We've got some kids (in the Front) who can be pretty extreme. You should see the way they dance! But otherwise, what the hell have we done to them?" He snickers. Heh-heh. "I guess my telephone message finally got to 'em."

Then there was The Rumble: Part Two, which is what happened later on Friday night when Heritage Front members went out to Sneaky Dee's, the College St. club, in search of ARA members. They found them, if not in the club then in the vicinity. "Hey, the guys didn't go there looking for trouble," adds Schipper, who says he was not among the vigilantes. (Four individuals, representing both sides, were subsequently charged.) "But a couple of our guys were jumped. The others had no choice but to come to their defence. I mean, you have to stick up for your guys, right?"

So now, still giddy from combat, we have Heritage Front generals making more threatening sounds, about how they know where the ARA organizers live and, hey, you want trouble, we'll give you trouble. Which has the police department understandably worried about whether this will be another long, hot summer on the streets.

"Let's hope not," sighs Staff Sergeant Wayne Pye of 55 Division, who has three detectives working on the weekend incidents and promises more charges will be laid in the next few days. "It's obvious that we can't be having people going out and committing crimes under the guise of stopping racism. This is hooliganism and one group is just as bad as the other."

"It will not be tolerated. Certainly not by this force."

Which is commendable, but still a bit of a shame. Perhaps these two creepy coteries deserve each other.

Knock yourselves out, guys.



Rosie
DiManno

Anti-racist leaders split on mob attack

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Violence against neo-Nazis is wrong, one says

By Bruce DeMara
TORONTO STAR



WILSON HEAD: "We can only regret this kind of behavior," he says.

Anti-racism leaders are divided over whether to condemn the vandalism of a neo-Nazi's home last Friday night by a group called Anti-Racism Action.

About 200 anti-racism protesters converged on the east Toronto home of Gary Schipper, whose voice is heard on the Heritage Front's telephone hotline, pelting it with rocks and bottles and smashing a front window with a bicycle.

"We don't condone violence of any sort. We have to use Canada's democratic institutions, especially the courts and the law, to fight hate-mongering," Bernie Farber, spokesperson for the Canadian Jewish Congress, said yesterday.

And Wilson Head, former head of the Urban Alliance on Race

Relations, expressed "intense opposition to violence from any source — whether it's from the right or the left."

But Dudley Laws, head of the Black Action Defence Committee, called the group's attack on the home of a Heritage Front member "extreme . . . but justified."

Head, who co-founded one of Metro's oldest anti-racism groups, said he "would never participate in that kind of thing, personally."

"We can only regret this kind of behavior. It's giving the race relations field a bad name . . . and it doesn't do anything for race relations. It certainly doesn't help," he said.

"The question is what is the

best way to deal with (racism) that also gets public support. We'll never get anywhere without public support," Head said.

He added the fact that demonstrators were armed with bottles, rocks and excrement when they went to Schipper's home suggests the vandalism was deliberate.

Both Farber and Head agreed that tensions are building in the city and across the country with the rise of racist groups.

"I'm really afraid these neo-Nazi groups are pushing and pushing and the police aren't pushing back," Farber said.

"The police and Marion Boyd especially have to take this as a

message. They have to start applying Canada's hate-mongering laws otherwise things will get worse before they get better," he said.

"We're getting a mean feeling in this city that we didn't have before," Head said.

Farber attacked lack of government action against groups like the Heritage Front, which preach white supremacy.

"The problem is . . . the police and the attorney-general's office have not been co-operating. They have not used (anti-hate) legislation as a means to stop hate-mongering," he said.

"Young people . . . understandably get very frustrated and

wrongly take the law into their own hands," Farber said.

"I really hold the people who are in the positions of authority responsible at this point because they have chosen to do nothing," Farber added.

Little is known of the Anti-Racist Action group, which first attracted public attention with a demonstration in January outside a Canadian Human Rights Commission hearing into the Heritage Front's hotline.

An article in X-tra, a gay and lesbian community newspaper, says the group was founded about 10 months ago and about one-third of its members are visible minorities.

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Ernst Zundel

Holocaust denier, behind-the-scenes organizer of today's German neo-Nazi attacks



Wolfgang Droege

Neo-Nazi Heritage Front founder, convicted terrorist



George Burdi

Organizer of violent racist skinheads for U.S.-based Church of the Creator, singer for so-called rock band Rahowa



Gary Shipper

The "voice" for the Heritage Front hotline, has terrible taste in clothes

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Attack on the home of Heritage Front member Gary Schipper on Friday evening led to street brawl.

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Heritage Front leader appears in court

Droege charged after weekend melee

The Globe and Mail

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TORONTO — The leader of the Heritage Front, Wolfgang Droege, appeared in court for a bail hearing yesterday after a clash between white supremacists and anti-racism activists Friday night.

But the Ontario Court's Provincial Division was so crowded with people charged with unrelated incidents over the weekend, who were also seeking bail, that Mr. Droege did not get his hearing. He is charged with possession of a weapon dangerous to the public peace.

About 30 young members of Heritage Front leapt to their feet, pointing and waving when Mr. Droege finally appeared in the prisoner's box, moments before the court recessed for the day.

Mr. Droege, clad in prison blues, winked and nodded back.

He was remanded in custody until his bail hearing on Thursday.

On Friday night 200 supporters of Anti-Racist Action demonstrated outside the home of Heritage Front member Gary Schipper. Some smashed windows and hurled paint and smoke bombs. Later, 75 members of ARA and the Heritage Front clashed at College and Lippincott Streets.

Yesterday, the vice-chairman of the Toronto Mayor's Committee on Community and Race Relations, condemned the confrontation and all acts of violence perpetrated in the name of anti-racist protest.

Sri-Guggan Sri-Skanda-Rajah said that "genuine anti-racist organizations believe in, and practice, non-violent protest." He added that "the violence of white supremacist neo-Nazi groups cannot and should not be met by counter-violence of any purported anti-racist organization."

He said people committing acts of violence and vandalism in the name of either racism or anti-racism should be prosecuted.

Some people have criticized the Metro police for not having enough police officers present to stop the vandalism of Mr. Schipper's house.

In response to a letter of complaint from the Heritage Front, Chief William McCormack, who made it public yesterday, said that the attack on Mr. Schipper's home "occurred without forewarning at the location in question and the police responded with a view to maintaining order."

Chief McCormack said the incident is under investigation and it will address the adequacy of the police response.

More charges for racist?

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By BILL DUNPHY

Toronto Sun

Jailed Heritage Front leader Wolfgang Droege may face additional charges arising from last week's bloody clash with anti-racists, a court was told yesterday.

Droege was charged with possession of a dangerous weapon during a fight outside a College St. bar Friday night.

During a brief court appearance yesterday he was ordered held in custody until Thursday to give police time to interview an assault victim who's jaw was broken during the College St. brawl.

Droege and two other Heritage Front members face weapons charges after police went to a College St. bar that is a hang out for anti-racist activists.

The brawl came as a group of about 20 of the racists went in search of Anti-Racist Action members who had earlier that evening trashed the home of a Heritage Front member.

Front members yesterday claimed one of their members had been jumped by bottle and club-wielding



WOLFGANG DROEGE
Held in custody

thugs and that Droege and the others were simply rushing to the aid of their comrade.

Droege and one of his lieutenants, Peter Mitrevski, 24, of East York, were arrested and charged with possession of dangerous weapons. Another

Front member, Christopher Newhook was also charged with assault with intent to resist arrest.

An ARA member, Katrin Clouse, was also arrested and charged with assaulting a police officer.

Mitrevski, in jail since early Saturday morning, yesterday was ordered held until a bail hearing this morning.

Newhook did not appear in court.

And one of a trio of racists, being held in connection with the abduction and torture of a man last week was granted bail yesterday.

Drew Maynard, 21, was released on \$4,800 bail.

His co-accused, Eric and Elkar Fischer, are in jail awaiting a bail hearing.

Get tough on racists, groups urge province

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By Peter Small
TORONTO STAR

The Ontario Human Rights Commission and anti-racism groups today urged the province to co-ordinate community efforts against hate groups.

Alok Mukherjee, acting chief rights commissioner, urged Citizenship Minister Elaine Ziemba

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to publicly condemn the actions of hate groups, apply anti-hate laws stringently and support community anti-racism efforts.

"There is no place for silence on this issue. We are all affected," Mukherjee said.

"The recent violent incidents and attacks by neo-Nazis, racists and skinheads in Ontario have placed renewed urgency on our

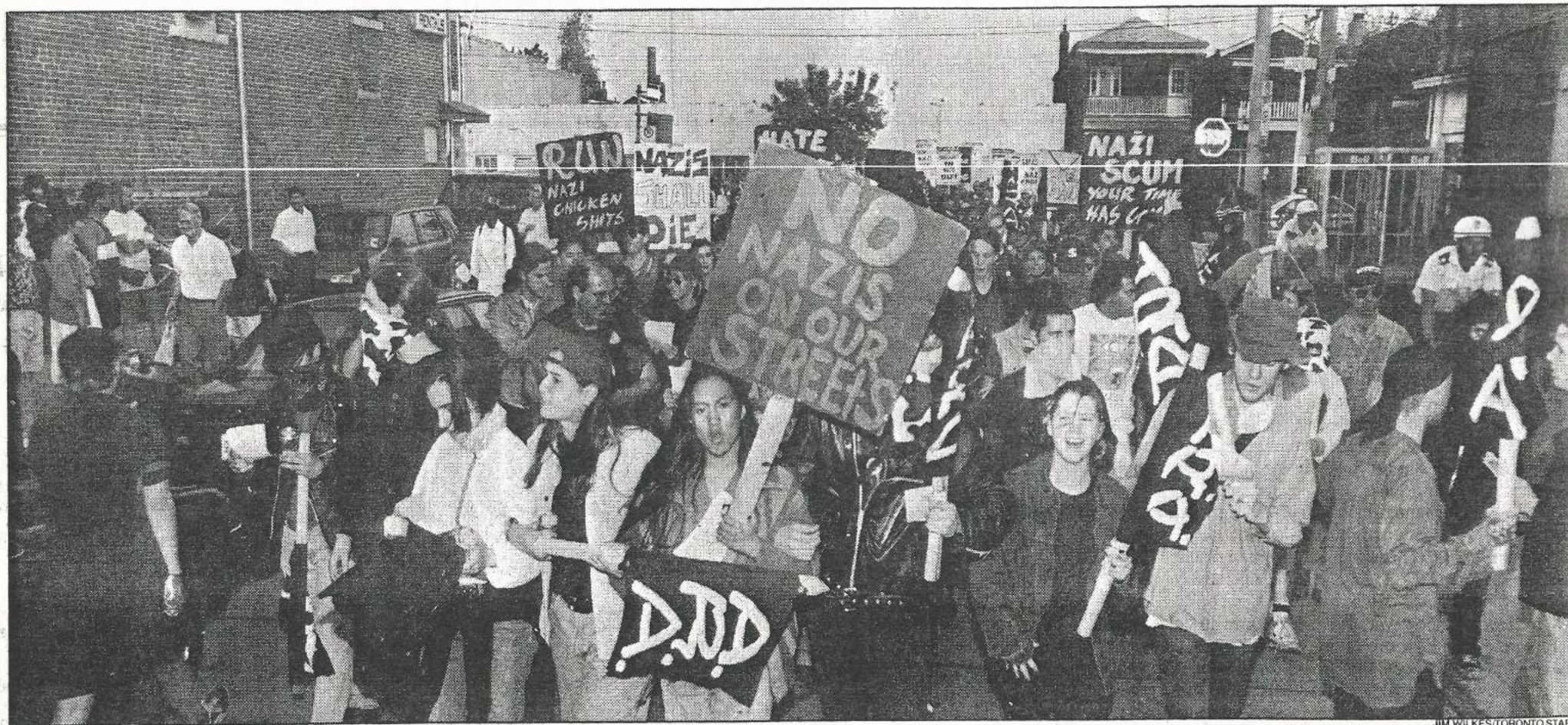
call for immediate community and legal action to combat hate," said Rochelle Wilner, Ontario chairperson of the League for Human Rights of B'Nai Brith.

The call came after two recent beatings of Tamils in Toronto, one fatal. Police have said one attack was racially motivated, and have not ruled out that factor in the fatal beating.

The commission also expressed concern over recent escalations in clashes between racist and anti-racists, the most recent one in Toronto. Mukherjee also cited a recent incident in which two Sikhs were attacked by students in Stoney Creek.

Other groups joining the commission included the Urban Alliance on Race Relations, the Federation of Ontario Race Relations Organizations, the Tamil Eelam Society and the Chinese Canadian National Council.

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MOB SCENE: Angry members of Anti-Racism Action, a coalition of students, militant gays, lesbians and the far-left, march last week against the rise of facism.

AN UNRULY mob of 200 anti-racists vandalizes the Toronto home of a well-known white supremacist this past weekend. Later, the anti-racists and white supremacists brawl outside a downtown dance club.

The violence raises troubling questions: Who are these anti-racists? Why have they resorted to violence to get their message across? Who are their targets?

Up until now, Canada's anti-racist movement has been non-violent. Do these recent events mean the battle against racism has turned a new and violent corner?

On Friday, screaming members of a group that calls itself Anti-Racist Action hurled bottles, rocks, paint and a child's bicycle through the front window of Gary Schipper's run-down rented home on Bertmount Ave. in the Dundas St. E. and Carlaw Ave. area.

Schipper is the voice of the Heritage Front hotline, a taped telephone hate line that spews virulent anti-Jewish, anti-gay and anti-black messages.

Demonstrators handed pamphlets to Schipper's neighbors, saying he had been singled out because he is a neo-Nazi "hater."

One woman was arrested for assaulting a police officer.

Hours later, the two sides clashed again on College St. Three Heritage Front supporters, including leader Wolfgang Droege, were arrested during the melee when some 75 white supremacists and Anti-Racist Action supporters battled each other with baseball bats, pipes, rocks and bottles.

'They didn't know who else they were getting into bed with.'

The attack on Schipper's house was well planned, with some demonstrators packing extra clothing so they could change quickly to avoid arrest, police said.

The demonstration was organized by Anti-Racist Action, a loosely knit coalition of students, militant gays and lesbians, the far left and political and community action groups also involved in other causes.

An Anti-Racist Action spokesperson, who would only give her name as Terry, said the group is made up of young people who "have either been targeted by, or targeted for recruitment by, the Heritage Front and other white supremacist organizations."

The group was formed last September. It boasts of having a 500-name rolodex into which it can tap. Seventy members regularly show up for meetings held in secret locations every two weeks, another organizer says.

Terry said the group is not driven by any particular political ideology, but "is simply a movement against the rise of fascism."

But others in the anti-racist movement who have watched the group since its genesis last fall say it isn't that simple.

Metro police Chief William McCormack declined to be interviewed about Anti-Racist Action.

But in a news release yesterday, McCormack released a text of his letter to a member of the Heritage Front, Gerry Lincoln. In the letter, the chief says the demonstration "is still under investigation with reference to charges and hence, it is not the practice to comment until the investigation is completed."

A report on the police role at the demonstration is being prepared for the police services board by the force.

What's behind violent turn in racism fight?

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BY GAIL SWAINSON / TORONTO STAR



WOLFGANG DROEGE: Heritage Front leader was arrested in melee.



WILLIAM MCCORMACK: Police force still investigating demonstration.



BERNIE FARBER: Jewish Congress official questions group's tactics.

One source involved in monitoring issues of racism says Anti-Racist Action is made up of "mainly young people from the extreme left — old Trotskyites and new Trots, anarchists and Queer Nation," the latter a militant homosexual group.

A source involved in leftist movements in Toronto said Anti-Racist Action members are in the business of deliberately provoking both white supremacists and the police.

Choosing his words carefully, the second source said many members of mainstream anti-racist organizations who went to the demonstration did so solely to protest the actions of the Heritage Front. "They didn't know who else they were getting into bed with, let's say."

Some members of the left are uncomfortable with the violence that occurred and the way the demonstration was organized.

Wesley Crichtlow, a black, gay community activist who went to Friday's rally but left before the march on Schipper's home, said that while he supports the motives of Anti-Racist Action, he decries their methods.

"Personally, I will not go to anything they do in the future," Crichtlow said. "It was a betrayal to those who were there to innocently support a cause, including me."

Bernie Farber, a spokesperson for the Canadian

Jewish Congress, said many in the little-known anti-racist group have long been involved in various "causes."

"ARA didn't just come out of nowhere," Farber said. "Many of these individuals have been around for a long time and many have been vocal on the anti-racist front."

Farber and other "mainstream" anti-racism activists are quick to distance themselves from Anti-Racist Action's provoking of the enemy, although they say they understand the sentiments that led to the demonstration.

"It's only been since January that we've seen this escalation by Anti-Racist Action," Farber said. "My sense of it is that they have not seen proper action by the police on these hate (phone) lines so they have decided to take the law into their own hands."

Farber says that, while he sympathizes with the frustration felt by minorities targeted by white supremacists, his organization has chosen to fight the Heritage Front and other white supremacists through the courts.

"Their right-to-rally is not held in question, we really do understand what led them out there," Farber said. "That was the route they took, though our energy was concentrated on the completion of the case and the closing down of the line."

Terry made no apologies for the tactics used by Anti-Racist Action demonstrators. She said the violence against property was a valuable tool in drawing public attention to white-supremacist activities in Canada.

Furthermore, such militant action should serve as a warning to the neo-Nazis that "it is unsafe to be a racist," she said.

But Farber — an old hand at fighting the neo-Nazi movement — is not so sure.

"I'm not convinced that ARA tactics are the most effective way of dealing with what is really just a small, rag-tag band of neo-Nazi bigots," Farber said. "I think there are ways that are more effective, if the bottom line is closing down the racist hate lines."

One protest sign at Friday's rally called for the elimination of "Nazis from the 'hood' (meaning 'neighborhood')."

The "Nazis" are about 200 members of the Heritage Front, an umbrella group of several white supremacist groups, including the militant Toronto chapter of the Church of the Creator.

Friday's demonstration was not Anti-Racist Action's first.

Last November, several hundred Anti-Racist Action protesters chanted and threw eggs outside a Bloor St. restaurant as Heritage Front members held a wake after British historical revisionist David Irving was deported from Canada.

Bloor St. was closed for several blocks in both directions as police escorted jack-booted neo-Nazi supporters out of the meeting to shouts of "Run, Nazi scum" from protesters.

'They have not seen proper action by the police on these hate lines.'

Last fall about 100 protested the anniversary of Kristallnacht, the Nazi's 1938 pogrom, outside the German trade commission on University Ave.

In January, 500 turned up at the staid Ontario Court building on University Ave., where an Ontario Human Rights Commission was conducting a hearing into a complaint against the Heritage Front hotline.

Anti-Racist Action demonstrators clashed with riot-garbed police — some, mounted on rearing horses, hammered protesters with club-sized batons as a crowd of 500 screamed "Nazi, Nazi" and lobbed eggs. Four, including an officer, were injured.

Styling themselves as a white-rights advocacy group, the white-supremacist Heritage Front argued at the tribunal that provisions in Canada's Charter guaranteeing freedom of expression permit it to run taped telephone messages.

The Heritage Front is charged with violating Canada's Human Rights Act with the taped messages. The recordings promote "white rights" and make disparaging remarks about Jews, blacks, natives, immigrants and others.

Canadian natives, backed by the Canadian Jewish Congress and other organizations want the commission's independent tribunal to pull the plug on what they consider a hate line.

Similar call-in message hotlines have been shut down by human rights tribunals in Manitoba and British Columbia.

The hotline routinely rails against non-whites and Jews and warns of a coming apocalypse brought on by creeping multiculturalism and unfettered immigration from non-white countries.

Farber says he's worried that Friday's exposing of Schipper to his neighbors won't be the last protest by Anti-Racist Action.

"We're in for a long, hot summer," he said.

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Police track mob of vandals

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By BILL DUNPHY
Toronto Sun

Police are studying video and film from the media and a right-wing group's film crew in a bid to identify activists who trashed the home of a prominent racist.

Police were outfitted and outnumbered 30 to 1 during the Anti-Racist Action (ARA) attack on the home of racist recruiter Gary Schipper Friday night.

The ARA misled police and their foes by plastering downtown Toronto with posters saying Holocaust-denier Ernst Zundel was their target.

But while police and Zundel dug in at his Carlton St. home, the ARA headed to the east end.

Cops helpless

The half dozen officers who'd managed to follow the 300 demonstrators stood by helplessly as hooded and masked thugs broke windows and doors and threw rocks, paint and excrement at Schipper's rented home.

Yesterday, officers served the Sun with a warrant for pictures taken by photographers during the protest.

The warrant indicated police will charge ARA members with mischief to property over \$1,000 and wearing a disguise with intent to commit an indictable offence.

The Sun, the Star, and TV stations CFTO and CITY were served with warrants yesterday.

A video of the destruction taken by Heritage Front sympathizers was also given to police.

Hate crime on rise Metro police say

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By Gail Swainson
TORONTO STAR

The recent growth in violent hate crimes means Metro residents should brace for a long, hot summer, say anti-racist activists and police.

"There's no doubt that there's an increase in race-related aggressive crime and more so in the last two months," Bernie Farber, a top official with the Canadian Jewish Congress, said yesterday.

"You don't have to be a statistician to see that there has been an alarming increase in racist behavior."

Police are expected to release a report to the Metro Police Services Board early next month showing about 70 crimes related to race, nationality, religion or sexual orientation have been reported since February.

Detective Sergeant Chuck Konkel, a hate crime specialist with the force, said the statistics were first collected this year.

But he agrees with Farber that the number of hate-related crimes in Metro is on the rise.

Detective Dan Dunlop, head of Ottawa's bias crime unit, said

there have been more than 80 hate-related crimes reported in that city since January.

"But I believe that bias crime is under-reported," Dunlop said. "And it will be until it is brought to the forefront and taken more seriously, much like sexual assault was 10 years ago."

In just the first two weeks of June, there have been several major incidents, including:

□ The rented home of white supremacist Gary Schipper was trashed by an angry mob last Friday. The march was organized by Anti-Racist Action, a loosely knit group of militant gays and lesbians, students, the far left and political and community action groups.

Several hours later, 75 anti-racists and white supremacists smashed each other with bats, pipes, rocks and bottles on College St. Three have been charged, including Heritage Front leader Wolfgang Droege.

□ Two weeks ago a 19-year-old skinhead was charged with aggravated assault in the vicious beating of a Tamil immigrant. The victim was left partially par-



ERIC FISCHER: Heads security and counter-intelligence for Heritage Front.

alyzed in the unprovoked attack.

□ Three Sikh students were beaten up after a high school dance in Stoney Creek last week.

□ Last week, three members of the Metro chapter of the Church of the Creator, a militant American-based white supremacist group, were charged with kidnapping, forcible confinement and assault in the abduction of a 22-year-old neo-Nazi. One suspect, Eric Fischer, a former sergeant in the Canadian Airborne Regiment, heads security and counter-intelligence for both the Heritage Front and Church of the Creator.

STREET FIGHT / For some ARA members it's 'hip' to trash the house of a supremacist; others, however, feel 'betrayed' by this new militancy

Anti-racist group shows signs of rift over escalating violence

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BY NAOMI KLEIN
The Globe and Mail
Toronto

IT'S the morning after a night of stone-throwing and street brawls and Sally, an organizer for Anti-Racist Action, is flying.

Sitting at a Bloor Street restaurant patio, she has Saturday's newspapers stacked before her. She reads out loud from The Toronto Sun: "Organizers for Anti-Racist Action pulled a fast one on Metro police and racist security forces..."

She gives a high five to Ian, another ARA member. She laughs uproariously at a photo of Holocaust denier Ernst Zundel's house, covered from top to bottom in plastic. "What a loser," she says.

Sally and Ian are convinced that, by trashing the home of white-supremacist hotline operator Gary Schipper on Friday night, ARA has moved a step closer to shutting down Toronto's best-organized racist groups.

But Friday night's vigilante-style attack has come under fire from some ARA members and

others who fear that such tactics will provoke further violence in a conflict that has begun to degenerate into a gang-style war between anti-racist teen-agers and white-power skinheads.

In some quarters, the mood is one of despair and defeat rather than celebration. Some ARA sympathizers say that what was the fastest-growing youth group in Toronto, regularly drawing up to 500 people to anti-racism gatherings, might have made a tactical error.

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ARA projects militant, 'hip' image

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"We're making them [supremacists] more militant — we trashed their house," says ARA member Zev Tiefmach, 15. "Who's to say that a group of Nazis won't come to my house and set it on fire?"

Linda Lamberg-Pelly, a teacher at Oakwood Collegiate Institute and a long-time anti-racism activist, says she felt "betrayed, my heart just sank. I felt that I was witnessing the demise of a movement which could have captured the hearts and minds of youth in a very positive way."

Last year Ms. Lamberg-Pelly invited ARA representatives to speak at her school. But after attending Friday's rally and watching a peaceful demonstration turn to stone-throwing, she wonders whether that will ever happen again.

Formed less than a year ago, ARA has attracted seasoned activists from feminist, labour and anarchist groups, as well as a growing number of high-school- and university-age young people who have not previously been politically active.

The group formed last fall to demonstrate outside a courthouse where members of the Heritage Front were facing charges that their hotline incited hatred against racial minorities.

During the past year, ARA has sought to counter aggressive high-school recruitment drives by supremacist groups such as the Heritage Front, the Church of the Creator and the Ku Klux Klan. Relations are so tense that ARA organizers such as Sally and Ian use pseudonyms.

ARA's tactics are direct, its image militant — and, as Sally says, "hip." Organizers say they are fighting white supremacists on the streets in the only language the supremacists understand: that of physical intimidation and power. They fight racism by portraying its adherents as "losers," "Nazi-posers" and "boneheads."

In January, when the Heritage Front put flyers in every locker at Riverdale High School, ARA mobilized 300 students to tell the Front it wasn't wanted. Last November 200 ARA members surrounded a bar and forced the cancellation of a white-supremacist rock concert; as skinheads left the bar with police escorts, demonstrators pelted them with eggs.

Members say they are attracted to

ARA because it provides instant gratification. "We get things accomplished," says 17-year-old Jono Nemethy. "You go down to a demonstration and the racist scumbags are just, like, totally intimidated by us and they run off. There's a lot of personal satisfaction in that. If they don't run off at least we really irritate them. We're a thorn in their side."

Zev says more conventional tactics, such as government lobbying and court battles, take too long for people his age. He pointed to the case of Mr. Zundel, who was acquitted in 1992 of disseminating hate literature.

"Zundel bounced around in the courts for nine years to find out he was innocent," Zev says. "Nine years — that's a long time. That's more than half my life."

ARA began fighting with words and numbers, but quickly progressed to eggs, then stones, then fists, bottles and pipes. When police found three guns in a recent raid on a home belonging to members of the Church of the Creator, many began to worry about the next stage of this conflict.

Last summer ARA won a territorial war over two downtown bars. White supremacists and ARA members show up at each other's events to disrupt and photograph participants. They follow each other home and around the city. They try to break each other's answering-machine codes and they get themselves on each other's phone lists to gain information about forthcoming events.

ARA organizes self-defence courses. Its members report repeated phone harassment. Some, like Jono, an ARA photographer whose hand bears a razor-blade scar, have been attacked on their way home from ARA events. "I'm always running around with a big telephoto lens so I'm a pretty visible part of ARA," he says.

According to Ian, some members of ARA also engage in street violence. "Any time you fight a Nazi it's in self-defence because they are about destruction and genocide," he says. "Our philosophy is zero tolerance for Nazis — whether it's 30 guys going into a bar looking to beat people up or one guy on the street wearing a Heritage Front hat."

Explaining Friday night's clash at a College Street bar after the Schipper house attack, Sally adds: "When

a guy comes at you with a baseball bat, you don't try to change his views."

Zev says he got caught up in the "mob mentality" of Friday's rally, but says it now frightens him. "My initial reaction was 'He's a Nazi, he's scum, let's kill him.' I was flying, I felt like I was on top of the world. It's cheaper than heroin."

Now he's contemplating dropping out of ARA. "We were thinking like the fascists do, being violent just because of who they are. I don't want to think like them."

For Zev, fighting back stops short of breaking windows in an unprovoked attack, something he didn't know was going to take place at the rally. He says he thought they were there only to expose the Heritage Front's centre of operation to the neighbours.

"It took a step in the direction ARA is going to be going and I don't know if I want to be going in that direction."

Sally disagrees. She says white supremacists prey on the vulnerable and feed off people's fear. Whenever they take a loss, she says, their ability to intimidate is diminished.

"ARA has been able to shatter their image of indestructibility and ferocity. We caught them off guard, we exposed their weakness."

The real escalation of violence, she says, is from increasingly bold white supremacists. She cited the beating of a Tamil man in a Toronto restaurant last week, and of a Jewish shop owner in Kitchener, Ont., two weeks ago.

But Ms. Lamberg-Pelly warns that violence could undermine the fight against racism. She cites an ARA chant that goes: "What do you do when the Nazis come? Act up! Act out!"

"That's exactly what they were doing," she says. "Some people are using an extremely important movement for their own needs to act out aggressively."

Ian rejects the criticisms, saying ARA takes anger that comes from white-supremacist campaigns and directs it to a constructive cause.

"We are providing a forum for people to vent their anger," he says.

"Some of these people would get into fights anyway. Better they get into a fight with a Nazi than with some frat boy in a bar."

The quiet dignity of a Tamil beaten by racists

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Freedom of speech probably means something quite different to Sivarajah Vinasithamby.

In his case, in order to facilitate freedom of speech, a friend has to manoeuvre the hospital bed in which he lies, rearrange the pillows around his head, and gently cup a hand beneath his chin so that he can turn to face a visitor.

Even then, Vinasithamby can only speak haltingly, gasping for breath between each word. His chest heaves with the effort of it, his eyelids flutter, and his right hand paws at the bed linen. His left hand, his entire left side, is still completely paralyzed from blood clotting on the right side of his brain.

"I don't know why they did this to me," he whispers. "I don't understand. I thought Canada was a safe place. That is why I came here. To give my children a better life."

Vinasithamby is a Tamil. He is 41 years old, a married man, father of three. In the northern Sri Lankan village that he left two years ago, he taught high school mathematics while studying to complete a university degree in science. His wife has a bachelor of economics degree.

But they are now refugee claimants in Canada, having left their homeland, they say, to escape violence and persecution at the hands of the national army.

It took Vinasithamby a year to find employment of any kind and he was glad for the job he finally secured as a dishwasher in a Bloor St. restaurant. He was making \$400 a week. Co-workers and customers were fond of this quiet, unassuming immigrant. Testimony to that is the fund which has already been established to help defray the family's expenses while he convalesces.

It will take a long time for Vinasithamby to heal. Ten days ago, at the end of his shift at the restaurant, Vinasithamby was attacked by three men whom he had never seen before.

"I went outside to put out the garbage," he says, trying to reconstruct events. "It was about 1:30 in the morning. There was nobody left except me and my boss. He was inside counting the money."

"I saw these men on the sidewalk, watching me.



Rosie DiManno



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SEVERELY BEATEN: Sivarajah Vinasithamby, a Tamil refugee claimant, is comforted by wife Bawany in his room at Toronto Western Hospital yesterday.

I turned around to put a sign on the door to say that we were closed. I was thinking, then, they want the money. They're going to rob us."

"Then one of them hit me with his knuckles. I fell unconscious. I don't know what happened after that. I don't know anything until I woke up in the hospital."

It is one small consolation that Vinasithamby cannot recall the other blows that were inflicted on him as he lay there, slipping into unconsciousness. Police would later describe the assault as vicious, unprovoked and racially motivated. A 19-

year-old skinhead — linked to the white supremacist Heritage Front and Church of the Creator — was subsequently charged with aggravated assault and denied bail.

"I am proud of my achievements and proud of my country," the teenager told the court at his bail hearing. "I don't hold extreme racial views. I am proud of my race."

In spite of his pain and his confusion, Vinasithamby is a proud man, too. Proud enough that he still clings to the belief that his attackers were after the money, not the dark-skinned stranger who

was just putting out the trash.

In recent days, since waking up and becoming more alert, his friends and relatives have come to tell him of other news: another Tamil who died after being punched and smashed over the head, probably with a beer bottle, on Bleecker St. last week. Homicide detectives say robbery may have been the motive in that slaying, since they have found no indication of racial overtones to the attack, though the possibility has not been ruled out.

He has heard, too, about the confrontation last weekend between white supremacists and a mob of self-proclaimed anti-racist demonstrators; about Sikh students set upon by a group of school children in Stoney Creek; about the anger and fear which has gripped Metro's Tamil community.

"I don't know . . . I don't know," says Vinasithamby, growing visibly agitated. "At first I thought, robbery. Then I thought maybe it was racially motivated. I don't know what to think any more."

A friend, standing at the foot of the bed, interrupts.

"You don't understand," he argues. "You don't understand what it's like for us, for him. If he says that this attack was racially motivated, they'll come back and finish him off. Look at the injuries — this was a professional beating. They knew what they were doing. They knew where to hit him. All the injuries are inside, where you can't see them."

"This is what we're all afraid of, everybody in the Tamil community. We're afraid of what these people, the Heritage Front, will do to our children. We're afraid of what they will do if we complain to the police."

"This is not the only Tamil who has been beaten up. You just don't hear about it most of the time."

Vinasithamby listens to the debate, his eyes closed. When he speaks again, it is not about the attack or the hatred or the fear. He talks, instead, about his decision to immigrate to Canada — a decision he doesn't regret — and his plans for the future.

"I want to teach English to other Tamils. That's what I have been studying for. That's why I've been going to school in the morning, even after working till late at night in the restaurant."

His qualification exam is next month.

"I intend to be there."

Brutal beating sparks show of love

Until about 10 days ago, the Tasty Restaurant on Bloor St. W. was known for the best oatmeal muffins in town and one of the world's great natural waitresses, Sheila Hansen, the kind who has to take your order once before remembering it forever.

All that changed in the early hours of last Sunday, when one of the Tasty's employees, a dishwasher named Sivarajah (Roger) Nivasithamby, was cruelly beaten into a coma in an alley behind the restaurant by a young skinhead.

It was, Metro Police say, a racial attack.

The skinhead, it's believed, had spent most of the evening at a Finch Ave. W. bar, listening to the trash spewed out by two racist rock bands, *RaHoWa* (short for Racial Holy War) and *Aryan*.

The *Sun's* Bill Dunphy, who has become a reluctant expert on this stuff as a function of his job, was at this concert. It began with "Heil Hitler" salutes, Dunphy says, and of all the terrible songs, he remembers best one called "It's Coon-Hunting Time" and the parody of a Nancy Sinatra hit, its chorus rewritten to conclude, "One of these days these boots are going to stomp all over Jews."

Hours after the hatefest ended, Roger Nivasithamby and Dimitri Grigorakis were closing up the Tasty, Grigorakis at the cash, Nivasithamby mopping the floors, two improbably well-educated restaurant workers — Nivasithamby is a former teacher, and Grigorakis has a master's in business

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from Iona College in New York.

Both are immigrants to Canada, Grigorakis from Greece via the United States, Nivasithamby from Sri Lanka, where, as a Tamil, he was caught up in a centuries-old fight between the Tamils and majority Sinhalese, a conflict that periodically turns into full-blown war before burning itself out for a time.

Grigorakis's in-laws own the Tasty, and he speaks perfect English where Nivasithamby's is halting, but they have much in common.

Both have children — Grigorakis two toddlers, Nivasithamby three youngsters. They fretted about issues that never face native-born Canadians so directly, how to teach your kids to love the new country and respect your heritage, without, as Grigorakis says, "screwing them up as young adults."

These philosophical discussions were but moments squeezed into hours of work. Nivasithamby loves to work, says Grigorakis; what kind doesn't matter.

After Nivasithamby was taken to hospital, where, paralyzed on his left side, he remains, Grigorakis and Hansen feared for his family's welfare.

Hansen, who is 30, from the small Quebec town of Maniwaki, went to the local bank, and with the help of a customer who is an area manager, set up a formal trust fund. As of yesterday, the fund was \$3,980.45 strong — all from staff and customers.

Grigorakis, 38, from the small Greek town of Gythion, handled the Worker's Compensation Board end, where, with sympathy and no red tape, he arranged for Nivasithamby to get compensation.

"By the way people are responding to what's happened," Grigorakis says, "it's obvious that no one likes racism. The envelopes with little notes and money, from people whose names I don't know..."

In the Tasty, he sees "Koreans and Russians, Greeks and Spaniards, Kenyans, with everyone drinking together." It's why he came to Canada.

When that young skinhead put his boots to the head of the gentle, 41-year-old dishwasher, he might have provided us with an object lesson in hate.

What has resulted instead, because of Hansen and Grigorakis and their customers, is a short course in hope — and a glimpse, just a glimpse, of the city and country we can build.

Donations to the fund can be made at the Tasty, at Bloor St. W. at Clinton Ave., or at any Bank of Montreal branch, account No. 7064173.

NDP vows to fight hate groups, activity

By Peter Small
TORONTO STAR

The provincial citizenship minister has welcomed calls from the Ontario Human Rights Commission and anti-racism groups that she get tough with hate organizations.

"They are making that call because they are concerned and they are worried," Elaine Ziemba said, adding she shares a public perception that hate activity is on the rise.

Yesterday, Alok Mukherjee, acting chief commissioner at the human rights commission, joined several groups urging Ziemba to publicly condemn actions by hate groups, apply anti-hate laws stringently and support community anti-racism efforts.

"Allowing hate groups to grow stronger in our midst is like accepting the thin end of the wedge," Mukherjee told a news conference at Queen's Park.

Ziemba later pointed to anti-racism measures her government is already taking, including the first meeting yesterday of the province's Round Table on Race Relations, comprising 13 community leaders and six cabinet ministers.

But there is no firm timetable for introducing legislation her ministry is considering to toughen Ontario's Human Rights Code's anti-racism provisions, she said.

At yesterday's news conference, Rochelle Wilner, Ontario chairperson of the League for Human Rights of B'Nai Brith, cited "recent violent incidents and attacks by neo-Nazis, racists and skinheads in Ontario."

Mukherjee said it is ironic that on the 31st anniversary of the passage of the province's human rights legislation "we are still fighting the old spectres of Nazism and white supremacy."

Mukherjee urged Attorney-General Marion Boyd to lead the legal fight to apply anti-hate laws more stringently and called on Solicitor-General David Chistopherson to ensure that police forces are "well-equipped to deal with this new brand of racism."

He asked Education Minister Dave Cooke to help schools "repulse the campaigns directed at them by these groups."

Antoni Shelton of the Urban Alliance on Race Relations called for a widespread education campaign "directly targeted at com-



ELAINE ZIEMBA: Minister says NDP is working to stamp out racism.

bating racist attitudes," especially among youth.

B'Nai Brith made several recommendations, including:

- ☐ Ensuring speedier resolution of human rights complaints.
- ☐ Altering the Ontario Human Rights Code so it would protect against racist and derogatory signs and symbols.
- ☐ Giving the Human Rights Commission the power to stop "the planned activities of a hate group."
- ☐ Establishing a federal and provincial task force to combat hate groups.
- ☐ With files from Gail Swainson and Canadian Press

The hate squads

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Metro Toronto today is a true multicultural community with people from many lands.

People who often know from personal experience that when mobs of the extreme right or the extreme left rule the streets, it is the rights of minorities that are the first to be trampled.

Thus it is the experience of our own multicultural society that reinforces the desire of all Canadians for peace, order and good government.

Both the bullies and thugs of the Heritage Front and Anti-Racist Action would now threaten that peace.

Good government must respond by coming down equally hard on both sides — whenever they foment violence. This is not a case of "good" anti-racists in white kerchiefs vs. "bad" racists in black ones.

Anyone who saw those hooded young thugs attack the home of a right-wing Heritage Front member last week knows such concepts as democracy and decency were the last thing on their minds — and probably beyond them.

Mobs do not discriminate among innocents when the bottles start to fly and the baseball bats come out.

The Heritage Front and Anti-Racist Action are mirror images of one another. They feed off one another.

They are both prone to violence and their tactics and attitudes have far more in common with one another than they do with the law-abiding majority.

Community leaders like Wilson Head and Bernie Farber of the Canadian Jewish Congress, who have a credible record when it comes to combatting the Heritage Front, have wisely condemned the ARA violence.

We are less comfortable with the CJC position that the answer is even more hate prosecutions of the Front than we have now, since that suggests that the ARA actions are in some way excusable — as a sign of frustration.

But we do agree on this: Whenever groups of the extreme left or the extreme right resort to violence rather than slogans, democracies must move immediately to protect themselves through rigorous law enforcement.

And we should do it now before these moral pipsqueaks, on both sides, start believing their own press clippings.

Tougher hate laws urged

By ANNE DAWSON
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The Human Rights Commission and anti-racism groups want the government to toughen laws to deal with hate groups.

And the commission also wants expanded powers to stop planned activities, such as a cross-burning, of hate groups before they happen.

"The recent surge in violent incidents and attacks by neo-Nazis, racists and skinheads in Ontario intensifies our call for immediate community action to

combat hate," said Rochelle Wilner, Ontario chairman of the League for Human Rights of B'Nai Brith Canada.

"While the recent arrests of six racists, including Heritage Front Leader Wolfgang Droege, is commendable, further steps must be taken."

Wilner was part of a coalition of anti-racism groups who brought its fight

to Queen's Park yesterday to get faster action from the NDP government.

Wilner said there has been a 200% rise in anti-Semitic incidents since 1987, attributable in part to the growth in hate group violence.

Wilner wants a task force of municipal, provincial and federal police in conjunction with immigration, customs, and Can-

ada Post to work together to deal with the problem so that when a racially motivated incident comes up, it is dealt with immediately.

"Sooner or later racists will turn their poisonous hatred against every decent person in our society," said Alok Mukherjee, acting commissioner of the Human Rights Commission.

Racial violence concerns coalition

Rights groups urge government to enforce anti-hate laws

BY DONN DOWNEY
The Globe and Mail

TORONTO — Governments at all levels are dragging their feet in combating an increase in racially motivated violence, a coalition of human-rights groups said at a news conference yesterday.

Their views are shared by the Ontario Human Rights Commission, which is concerned about recent racially motivated attacks in several Ontario centres and the escalation of violence between anti-racist protesters and hate groups in Ottawa two weeks ago and in Toronto over the weekend.

"We have written to the Minister of Citizenship [Elaine Ziemba] urging her to spearhead a joint response and a co-ordinated strategy by all levels of government to deal with this issue," the commission's acting chief commissioner, Alok Mukherjee, told the news conference at Queen's Park. He also asked for stricter enforcement of anti-hate laws by the Ministry of the Attorney-General.

"Legislation is available to respond to racism but it needs to be enforced," said Antoni Shelton, executive director of the Urban Alliance

on Race Relations. But enforcement, he said, is only reactive and he urged that Premier Bob Rae, Metro Chairman Alan Tonks and Toronto Mayor June Rowlands co-operate to develop a public education program to combat racist attitudes.

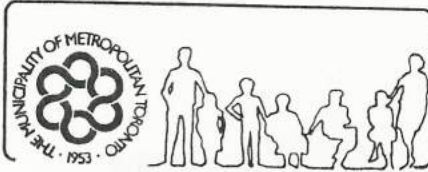
Rochelle Wilner, Ontario chairwoman of the League for Human Rights of B'Nai Brith Canada, called for revisions in the Ontario Human Rights Code that would outlaw racist signs and symbols. She also called for provisions in the code that would stop the planned activities of hate groups and provide for greater penalties for those who are guilty of hate

crimes.

Mark Sandler, senior counsel for the league, said in a telephone interview that the organization also wants changes to the Criminal Code that would provide stiffer penalties for property and personal-injury crimes that are proved to be racially motivated.

Ms. Wilner said the sluggish economy was a contributing factor to the increased racial tension. "I have my own concerns that the lack of jobs this summer will create a lot of free time." And people who are suffering because of the economy are looking for scapegoats, she said.

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ANTI-RACIST ACTION (ARA) AND THE NEO-NAZIS

I have engaged in a lifetime of political activity based upon the principles of social justice and non-violence. Having said that, I want to go on record in support of the work of Anti-Racist Action (ARA), notwithstanding the events of June 11, 1993, where minor acts of violence against property occurred at an ARA sponsored action of confrontation with the neo-Nazi Heritage Front.

I wonder if those who have condemned ARA, some going as far as to equate it with the hate groups themselves, are aware of the successful efforts of the ARA leadership to contain and limit the outpouring of frustrated anger that spilled over during that rally. But more importantly, I wonder if lessons of history are being forgotten and the danger of the neo-Nazi movement is being underestimated.

Toronto's resurgent hate groups, particularly the Heritage Front and the Church of the Creator, advocate racial purity and a "holy war" against racial integration. The greatest single criminal event of the Twentieth Century, the Nazi holocaust, was a practical implementation of these principles. Although they are clever enough not use the term, what Wolfgang Droege, Ernst Zundel, Gary Schipper and their ilk are advocating is nothing less than Nazi style genocide. Their work takes them far beyond mere advocacy. A series of unprovoked incidents of racial violence against non-whites, including the savage beating of a Tamil refugee, have been carried out by alienated white youths after leaving hate-spewing rock music events sponsored by the hate groups.

How much longer, in the name of "civil liberties," can we allow this to go on? Why can we have effective enforceable laws on the books against shop-lifting but not against the crime of organized hate inspired violence?

The reason that the young and militant ARA activists have adopted a strategy of direct confrontation with the hate groups is that they have seen government, police, and the courts acting as if they are virtually powerless to do anything to stop fascists from organizing in their communities. My god, it took nine years of painful litigation to reach the conclusion that Ernst Zundel has the "right" to turn his Carlton Street residence to a world-wide centre for the distribution of hateful Nazi propaganda. How would you react if Hermann (?) Goebbels was living and carrying out his mission in your neighbourhood?

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Those who ignore history are condemned to repeat it. In Germany in the nineteen thirties Hitler and his Brown Shirts (Nazis) were dismissed by German authorities as clowns and buffoons. By the time they were taken seriously, they were close to power. Those who argue that taking the hate groups seriously only serves to give them undue publicity ignore a similar potential for the dramatic growth of organized fascism in Canada today.

Today's neo-fascists are seldom to be found wearing white robes or jackboots. They refrain from making public statements that would put them in violation of hate laws. What they do have in common with their Nazi forebearers, whom they brazenly idolize, is an ideology of racial purity and the scapegoating of racial minorities and others, such as gays and lesbians, for deteriorating social and economic conditions. They may exist largely on the fringe for the time being. But their access to financial support and sophisticated communications technology, the degree of covert and sometimes not so covert support they enjoy in governments, courts, police, universities, and other institutions, and the deepening economic crisis that cries out for scapegoats, position the neo-Nazis for an arcing leap into the mainstream.

If the rallying cry for all anti-racists is "Never Again!" then no one is pressing this at the moment any more than activist groups such as ARA. If Canadian governmental authority proves to be as incapable in stemming racially motivated crime and fascist political organization as the German governments of the 1930's and today, then the unthinkable resurgence of organized Naziism may be literally at our doorstep. The unfortunate excesses of the June 11 ARA rally may be cause for some concern, but it does not begin to compare in significance or gravity with such an eventuality. And when it comes to apportioning responsibility for those excesses, I look to government authorities who have failed to expose and suppress racist and hate inspired violence. If they had done their job, there would have been no reason for such a rally in the first place.

White supremacists' bail set at \$10,000

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TORONTO — Bail was set yesterday at \$10,000 for two members of the white-supremacist Church of the Creator who have been charged with kidnapping, assault and torture.

Eric and Elkar Fischer allegedly kidnapped a member of a rival racist group, the Heritage Front, last week

because they believed he had stolen a membership list for their group.

The brothers appeared in the Ontario Court's Provincial Division yesterday.

Drew Maynard, 21, a co-accused with the Fischers in the kidnapping, was released on \$4,800 bail on Monday.

Heritage Front member Peter Mi-

trevski, 24, was also released on \$10,000 bail yesterday. He is charged with possessing a weapon dangerous to the public peace in connection with a violent clash between anti-racism activists and the Heritage Front last Friday night.

The Fischer brothers and Mr. Mitrevski will appear in court on June 21.

AFTERMATH OF BRAWL Neo-Nazi facing assault charge

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By BILL DUNPHY

Toronto Sun

Heritage Front leader Wolfgang Droege has been charged with aggravated assault in last week's bloody brawl between neo-Nazis and anti-racists.

Droege, in jail since Saturday on a related charge of possession of a dangerous weapon, spent another night in jail after his lawyer decided he needed more time to prepare for the bail hearing.

The charge against Droege was the sixth laid in the brawl that erupted last Saturday after members of the neo-Nazi Heritage Front and Church of the Creator



DROEGE
Hopes for bail

clashed with members of Anti-Racist Action.

The racists were enraged at the Friday trashing of the east-end home of Gary Schipper during an ARA demonstration.

In the ensuing clashes at least two members of the Heritage Front and an ARA member were injured.

One man was beaten with a two-foot-long metal flashlight, breaking his jaw in three places and giving him a concussion. The victim, whom police would not identify, underwent surgery this week.

Droege is to appear in court today to try to obtain release on bail.

One of his co-accused, Peter Mitrevski, was released yesterday on \$10,000 bail, but the Crown is expected to seek a significantly higher bond from Droege.

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Droege charged with assault Wolfgang Droege, who is in custody while awaiting a bail hearing on a charge of possessing a dangerous weapon, was charged yesterday with aggravated assault. He is to appear in provincial court today for a bail hearing. Both charges are in connection with a brawl last Friday at College and Bathurst Streets between members of the Heritage Front, headed by Mr. Droege, and a group called Anti-Racist Action. The clash took place soon after ARA members vandalized the house of a Heritage Front member. Detective Donald Wood of the Metro Toronto Police said yesterday that the alleged victim was badly beaten.

OTTAWA MELEE

T.O. racist charged in beating

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By BILL DUNPHY
Toronto Sun

A Metro white racist was charged yesterday with beating a woman in Ottawa during a street brawl.

George Burdi, a top honcho in the racist Church of the Creator, is accused of assault causing bodily harm.

A voice described as Burdi's is heard gloating about the woman's injuries on an Ottawa hotline the day after the melee.

The charge stems from a running street battle between racists and anti-racists in Ottawa after a concert by Burdi's band, Rahowa.

Ottawa police say a 23-year-old woman received a concussion, a broken nose and bruising during the altercation near the Chateau Laurier hotel.



BURDI

Court date

The fights broke out after anti-racism activists spent two hours chanting and throwing rocks, highway flares, paint bombs and firecrackers outside the hall where the racist rock concert was held.

A voice described as Burdi's, in a taped message played on the Heritage Front's Ottawa hotline the day after the street battle, taunted Reckzin. "Tremendous victory last night," the voice said. "Alicia Reckzin, leader of the ARA (Anti-Racist Action), had her nose broken and lamented her suffering."

Burdi, 23, of North York, is to appear in court in Ottawa on June 30.

Leader of neo-Nazi group ^{Toronto Star} charged with assault in brawl ^{93.06.19}

The head of the white supremacist Heritage Front has been charged with aggravated assault in a weekend brawl between his neo-Nazi followers and anti-racists.

Wolfgang Droege, 44, of Scarborough was charged earlier with possession of a dangerous weapon. He was to appear in court at old city hall this morning for a bail hearing.

Police laid the additional charge yesterday after an 18-year-old man said his jaw was broken and he suffered a concussion during an incident on College St. early Saturday morning.

Droege and two other Heritage Front members, Peter Mitreuski, 24, and Christopher Newhook, 23, were charged after Heritage Front supporters clashed with anti-racists outside a nightclub.

Last Friday evening the home of Heritage Front member Gary Schipper was vandalized by about six Anti-Racist Action supporters after 200 marched on the white supremacist's house on Bertmount Ave. in the Queen and Leslie Sts. area.

Anti-Racist Action is a group of students, anarchists and militant gay and lesbian activists set up to fight racism.

Supremacist released on bail

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The Globe and Mail

TORONTO — The leader of the Heritage Front, a white-supremacist group, was ordered released on \$15,000 bail yesterday after spending six days in jail.

Wolfgang Droege, 44, has been charged with aggravated assault and possession of a dangerous weapon in connection with a brawl June 12 between members of his group and members of a group called Anti-Racist Action. The clash broke out at College and Bathurst Streets after ARA members vandalized the house of a Heritage Front member.

As a condition of bail, Mr. Droege was ordered not to associate with any members of the Heritage Front, the Church of the Creator or the Mountain Church.

About 20 supporters of Mr. Droege giggled and exchanged smiles when Justice of the Peace Brian Hudson of the Ontario Court's Provincial Division imposed the condition of bail.

One young man said with a smirk outside the Old City Hall courtroom: "They said he couldn't associate with anyone he knows to be a member, but they didn't say anything about former members." He added that "our membership is shrinking all the time."

Mr. Droege will be back in court Monday, when a date for his trial will be set.

Anti-Racist Action's rage looks a little too calculated

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I HAVE seen such people in an earlier time and had some experience of the way they think.

The fiery young activists from Anti-Racist Action who vandalized a house in the east end of Toronto last week and provoked a violent retaliation in the west end are following the kind of class warfare scenario disciples of Leon Trotsky developed — although few of them probably understand that.

This scenario is going to make them more difficult to deal with than I think those who are now so worried about their activities realize.

Calling demonstrators hoodlums is not going to impress them.

It will just bring new recruits.

As I say, I have had some experience of this kind of thinking.

Back in 1969, I was living in New York and I went down to Washington with a group from the Youth International Party to demonstrate at the inauguration of Richard Nixon.

The Yippies had earned a devil-may-care reputation in Chicago the previous summer during the violent demonstrations against the Democratic convention.



The City

David Lewis Stein

So in Washington our group was called in by the chief organizer of the demonstrations against Nixon's inaugural parade. We were told we had a special role.

We were to push our way through the crowds lining the parade route, get past the police lining the side-

walk and throw ourselves in front of Nixon's car.

The police would attack the crowd and, naturally, the people would resist.

"The movement needs street fighters," the leader said.

The people I was with were actually a subset of the Yippies. We wore psychedelic clothes and old army helmets and we called ourselves "The Crazies." But we weren't that crazy.

When the inaugural parade came by, we stayed prudently in the middle of the

crowd.

That kind of rigid, ideological thinking — we must provoke the police to attack so the movement can develop street fighters — is what I think organizers of Anti-Racist Action are into.

The people must understand that racism does not begin and end with a handful of creepy misfits. The people must learn through anti-racist actions that racism is built into our society and the police are part of the system.

So in January, the ARA staged a noisy, menacing demonstration at the court house when two Heritage Front people were going on trial.

Mounted policemen had to push their horses into the anti-racist crowd.

See! Didn't we tell you? The police are fascists, too!

Anti-Racist Action may have begun with angry high school students reacting against a recruiting drive by a racist group, but these teenagers in the ARA are acting just like old-time Trotskyites.

Leon Trotsky was second to Lenin in making the Russian revolution. But after Lenin's death, he lost out to Stalin and wound up in Mexico where a Stalinist

agent murdered him in 1940.

Trotsky's followers kept the faith, claiming to be the only true revolutionaries and the vanguard of a mass movement.

In reality, they were a small cult, operating bookstores, and selling their newspaper on street corners. They showed up at strikes and political demonstrations waving banners and trying to make out that whatever was going on was really their idea.

They had the energy of parasites. But most people just ignored them.

The leaders of Anti-Racist Action are showing the same kind of parasitic energy. They have fastened on to a good cause — combating racism — and now they are trying to set the agenda for everyone else who is concerned.

It does little good to prudishly abhor their violence. Such condemnations deliver quite another message.

Those who say it is wrong to go into the streets never do anything themselves but talk.

But young whites who hate immigrants learn that there are people doing something about those people.

Immigrants and those who sympathize with them get much the same message. You don't have to put up with fascists. You can fight back.

For both sides, demonstrations and the violence they bring on are sanctified because they are fighting in a good cause. Violence becomes a high, and, finally, an end in itself.

For Anti-Racist Action, Trotskyites, or their spiritual grandchildren, have captured the movement.

Until someone else presents a more effective, and more personally gratifying, way to oppose outfits like the Heritage Front, I am afraid the extremists will remain in control.

Listen to Cindy Harrison, who describes herself as a mother who is involved with Anti-Racist Action.

"Young people feel betrayed by the older generation.

"Nothing is going to be solved by being patronizing to young people and telling them what they don't know. Because young people know a lot more about what is really going on in the schools and in the streets."

Cops press war on hate

Toronto Sun 93-06-19

By STEVE PAYNE
Toronto Sun

Metro Police have been told to step up arrests in the battle against hate crimes.

Police services board boss Susan Eng called yesterday for "zero tolerance on hate-motivated crime" and for focus on "strict enforcement."

Last weekend, the Toronto home of a prominent white supremacist was smashed by anti-racists.

A street brawl followed when the victim's cohorts sought revenge.

The board yesterday heard a report by Dave Boothby, deputy chief of detectives, on police action to combat racism and hate crimes.

He said a third of officers have now received related training and considerable resources have gone into educating the public in various sectors including

schools and community groups.

Boothby said the work of the force has become a model for others.

The board praised the efforts but voted to instruct police to concentrate more on developing internal capabilities to combat racism.

Boothby said a hate crime unit exists within the police intelligence section but would not detail its strength at the public portion of the meeting.

He said there was "very active internal investigation" of racism matters.

He agreed the best weapon against racism is the "capture and prosecution" of offenders but noted problems of resources.

Boothby said joint forces operations against racism are hard because Ottawa is the only other force with a hate-crime unit.

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Supremacist group leader free on bail of \$15,000

Toronto Star 93-06-20

White supremacist Wolfgang Droege has been released on \$15,000 bail on charges of aggravated assault and possession of a dangerous weapon.

Droege, 44, of Scarborough, was arrested after a College St. brawl last Saturday morning between members of the neo-Nazi Heritage Front and Church of the Creator and members of Anti-Racist Action.

Two other white supremacists and one anti-racist were also arrested in the melee, which happened just hours after Anti-Racist Action demonstrators vandalized the home of white supremacist Gary Schipper.

Droege was ordered by Justice of the Peace Brian Hudson to refrain from associating with any members of the Heritage Front, the Church of the Creator or the London-based Mountain Church, led by neo-Nazi Alan Weich.

Frequently looking over at his followers, who filled the benches in bail court Friday, Droege was told he also could not take part in any activities planned by the groups.

Lawyer Harry Doan said he is considering asking for a variance on Droege's bail, "but my first goal was to get him out of jail."

Grant Briston of the Heritage Front said many of its members had resigned to get around the court-imposed embargo on associating with Droege.

"Our membership has just shrunk to about five," Briston said outside the courtroom.

Droege is scheduled to appear in court tomorrow to set a date for trial.

Neo-Nazi sought after assault on protester

The head of the white supremacist Church of the Creator is being sought in an assault on an anti-racist during a clash between the two groups in Ottawa last month.

George Burdi, 23, of Maxome Ave. in North York, has been charged with assault causing bodily harm by Ottawa police, said Detective Dan Dunlop, head of Ottawa's racial crime unit.

Dunlop said Metro police have been asked to serve Burdi with a summons to appear in Ottawa court June 30 on the charges.

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VIOLENT ANTI-RACISTS MET AT CITY-OWNED BUILDING

Mayor 'distressed'

By BILL DUNPHY *Toronto Sun*
Toronto Sun 93.06.20

Leaders of Anti-Racist Action (ARA) met in a city-owned community centre the day before a demo that ended in the trashing of a prominent racist's house, the *Sun* has learned.

The June 10 meeting at the 519 Church St. Community Centre is only the most recent use of publicly funded community facilities by the violence-prone group.

The ARA has held at least two other meetings at the same centre this year, 519 executive director Allison Kemper confirmed.

"I couldn't tell you just what they were doing," said Kemper. She said the centre exists "so small groups can meet and organize," but staff don't monitor meetings. More than 400 groups use the centre, Kemper said.

Less than 24 hours after their meeting, the

ARA marched 300 strong on the east-end home of Gary Schipper, the voice of the racist Heritage Front's hotline.

To the cheers and chants of the crowd, a small, well-organized crew wearing hoods and masks proceeded to smash windows and doors and throw eggs, paint bombs, rocks and excrement in Schipper's rented flat.

Police, who used search warrants to obtain media video and photos of the attack, say they are confident their investigation will lead to arrests.

Kemper said the ARA is not a registered "user group" at the centre, and would have to apply for that status before being allowed to use facilities at the centre again.

"We would have to look at their application very carefully, talk to them about the incident," Kemper said.

The facility is owned by the City of Toronto, but run by an independent community board.

Toronto Mayor June Rowlands said she was "very distressed" to learn a city facility may have been used to plan the June 11 violence.

"They (the ARA) have lost their legitimacy when they resort to violence," Rowlands said this week.

"One hopes this is an aberration. If it is not, they will face the censure of the people."

In addition to 519, the ARA has held meetings in the John Innes Community Centre on Sherbourne St., the Toronto Native Canadian Centre on Spadina as well as being given a platform in several Toronto high schools.

Repeated requests to the ARA for an interview went unanswered.

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JUNE ROWLANDS
"Lost their legitimacy"



FRONT-LINE ... Heritage Front white supremacists march down University Ave. showing their colors last November. Clashes with anti-racist forces are starting to heat up.

Toronto Sun 93-06-28

- Craig Robertson, Sun

By BILL DUNPHY
Toronto Sun

"You've reached Anti-Racist Action. On June 11 ARA gave the racist Heritage Front a blow. It's going to be unsafe to be a fascist in Toronto cause we got their number and we're gonna continue to shut 'em down."
— Anonymous voice on the ARA hotline.

"If they want a war, they'll have a war" — George Burdi, leader of the racist Church of the Creator.

More than the gloves have come off in the battle between the ARA and Toronto's white racists. The ARA's mask has been ripped off as well. The moral high ground staked out by Anti-Racist Action in their fight against the neo-Nazi movement crumbled last week in a shower of shattered glass and splashing paint.

The ARA has become the thing they've hated so intensely for so long — thugs using terror to enforce their own vision of society.

No one who's been following the rise of organized racial tensions in this city for the last two years should have been surprised by the ARA's carefully orchestrated trashing of a white racist's home last week.

Nor by the payback brawl that erupted on College St. three hours later when the racists paid a visit to the ARA's home turf.

These two extremes set out on a collision course long ago.

The Heritage Front, led by a key core of committed racists in their 30s and 40s, is about four years old. But they've only achieved a kind of critical mass about 18 months ago when their posters and leaflets and telephone hotline began to draw small crowds of mainly young men, many only a step above the streets.

Smell a change

On the streets — and in bars like Sneaky Dees and a host of short-lived alternative clubs — the punks, the skinheads and others on the fringes of the city culture began to smell a change.

The ragtag racists, always a part of the scene, had begun to get organized. They began to belong, to have a sense of being part of something bigger and stronger.

But as they grew an old enemy of neo-Nazis began to take notice — the anarchists.

Not a tightly knit, or highly visible group, the anarchists have nonetheless been a force in Toronto's counter-culture for years. They're believers who'd burrowed into the animal rights movement, the ecology movement, the gay and lesbian movement, alternative education, the arts and theatre.

They view most state authority as illegitimate and strive to replace the state — the police, the government and big business — with their own grassroots institutions.

A young group of anarchists in Kensington kids

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COLLISION COURSE

Anti-racists playing with fire in a showdown with Toronto fascists

who'd learned the lessons of the street and then learned some more in a job skills collective there, decided to do something about the rise of the racist right.

They got some help from an older generation, of anarchists and others, and under the tutelage of people like Rodney Bobiwash of the Native Canadian Centre of Toronto they began to learn about organizing.

In meetings that began over a year ago the group began building up its arsenal of intelligence and people.

They hooked into an international network of anti-racists, and built their own across the country.

It's a network that mirrors the neo-Nazis' own.

Throughout the spring and summer of '92 the two sides sparred discreetly.

The racists hacked into the anarchist hotline and left a mockingly polite message by Heritage Front leader Wolfgang Droege.

Cancelled hotline

The anarchists impersonated Droege and cancelled his hotline with Bell telephone.

The racists hacked into the newly formed Klanbusters hotline and retrieved messages — gathering more names and phone numbers for their files.

Each side sought to infiltrate the other.

In July the Heritage Front had a court date for a human rights hearing on their hotline.

They were met by a small group of jeering protesters who blocked their way. They scuffled and the stakes rose slightly. Both sides talked of the violence to come.

By now the Heritage Front was hitting the high schools, passing out leaflets and trolling for newer, younger recruits.

The activities added fuel to the ARA's own recruitment drives. They won access to the schools and to the students from concerned administrators.

By the end of September, the ARA had enough members to go public.

They swooped down on the University Ave. courthouse for the next court date of the Front.

It was noisy, but not very violent.

Six weeks later outside a Bloor St. restaurant the ARA finally outnumbered the Front and its allies. And in a taste of things to come they pelted the cops, the racists and the building with eggs and paint.

It was ugly, but no one got hurt.

Two months later, outside the courthouse again, the ARA used similar tactics, hurling eggs and obscenities — and some heavy metal bolts, rocks and ball bearings — from behind the safety of police lines.

Only this time their straining at the barricades had the cops pushing back. One officer and several demonstrators were injured in the fracas.

The ARA cried repression and police brutality. But

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once again, privately, they toasted their victory — they'd outnumbered the racists and sent them packing.

And again the cops ended up protecting neo-Nazis.

By early '93 the cold war the two sides had been waging in private was growing warmer and more public.

Both sides began reporting death threats. The racists launched a disinformation campaign that blamed the ARA for hate literature that began appearing around town.

Store vandalized

Swastikas appeared outside the Native Canadian Centre on Spadina and a left-wing book store was vandalized.

Finally in Ottawa last month, the gloves came off.

Beefed up by bused-in ARA supporters from Toronto, the ARA in Ottawa put 700 people on the streets for an ugly, three-hour demo against a Heritage Front-sponsored rock concert and recruiting drive.

In a running street battle that followed the shortened concert, one racist and at least five anti-racists were assaulted severely enough to need medical attention.

Last week the ARA evened the score in a brilliantly planned terror attack that caught the cops and the racists' own security forces napping, trashing the

rented east-end flat that was home to Gary Schipper, the voice of the Heritage Front hotline.

It was a vicious, ugly scene, made all the more ugly by the clear delight and triumph lighting the eyes of the organizers. For the press and Schipper's neighbors, it was a taste of the Nazi terror inflicted on Jews, communists, gypsies and homosexuals during the late 1930s.

The ARA was jubilant after the attack. Even a late-night brawl with some revenge-minded racists hours later didn't wipe the smile off their faces. Except maybe on the face of the teen who got his jaw busted in three places. Or the other kid who had his wrist broken.

From here there's nowhere to hide.

"It's gonna be unsafe to be a fascist in this town," the ARA's hotline crowed this week — little realizing how right they were.

Because by their violence, they've put themselves in league with the fascists and those who try and teach with terror.

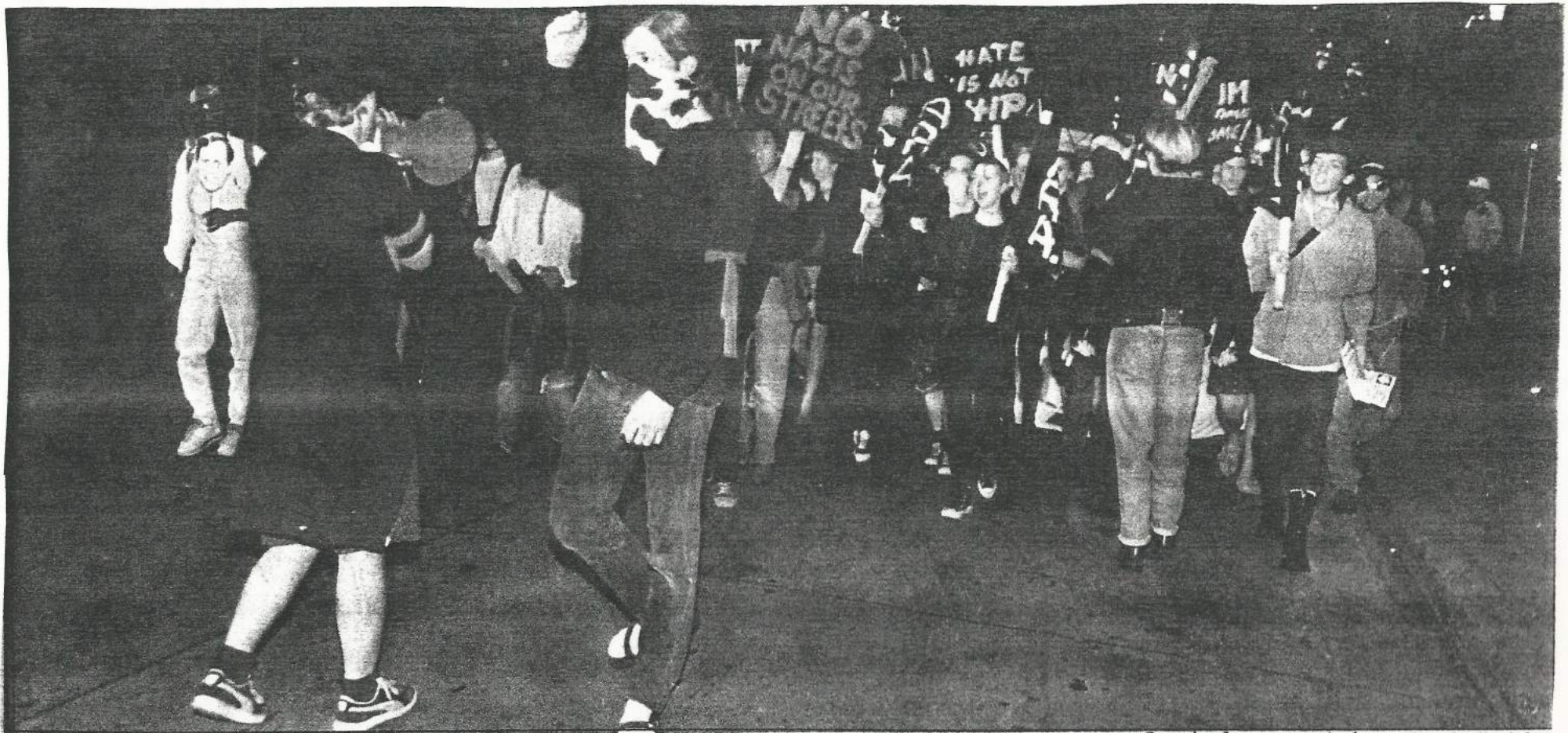
"The chief has made it clear that our response to this sort of vigilante activity is zero tolerance," Metro Police Det. Chuck Konkel says.

"We're not going to be playing favorites on this one." *Toronto Sun 93-06-20*



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VIOLENT BACKLASH ... Anti-racists trash Schipper's home, employing same tactics as their violent adversaries.

- Veronica Henri, Sun



FIGHTING MAD ... Anti-racists protest outside home of Heritage Front member Gary Schipper June 11. Retaliation to racists' actions has put the two groups on same level. *Toronto Sun 93-06-20* - Veronica Henri, Sun

Racial attacks decried as dangerous trend

Increase in hate crimes not centred on Sri Lankans, activists, police say

Toronto Globe & Mail 93-06-23

BY DONN DOWNEY
The Globe and Mail

TORONTO — One Tamil is dead and two others are recovering from injuries inflicted during violent attacks by racist thugs in Metro during the past two weeks.

The latest incident on Sunday, in which Ganeshamoorthy Vigneshwaramoorthy was stabbed by two men with broken beer bottles, has prompted the League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada to express its anger at what it calls "a dangerous trend" toward racially motivated violence.

However, the league's chairwoman, Rochelle Wilner, was reluctant to conclude that the attackers had singled out the Sri Lankan community. "They're not smart enough to know who Sri Lankans are," she said.

Sinnathamby Sittampalm, general secretary of the Tamil Eelam Society of Canada, was also reluctant to jump to conclusions, saying there was insufficient evidence. "Although recent targets have been Sri Lankan Tamils, I wonder if the attacker has identified the victim as a Sri Lankan Tamil."

Ms. Wilner said that "it's really a tough call. I would hate to point fingers and say they are targeting that particular community when in fact it's just the visible-minority communities that are being targeted."

Constable Luciano Zeni of the Metro Toronto Police's hate-awareness unit said hate crimes are increasing because such groups as the Heritage Front, the Church of the Creator and the Ku Klux Klan are growing and are out in the open. However, he said that no particular group has been singled out.

He said the attacks may reflect a general racism although not many blacks had been targeted recently.

Mr. Sittampalm suggested that south Asians in general may have been singled out. He added that he personally thought tough economic times may be contributing to the increase in racial incidents. Young whites may be thinking that recent arrivals may be robbing them of their jobs, he said.

"All Canadians should show better understanding of our community," he said. "We can contribute a lot to this country. We have got the education and the culture. Canadians should accept us and integrate us into the Canadian society."

Earlier this month, Sivarajah Vinasithamby and Gunulan Muthulingham were attacked by white supremacists. Mr. Muthulingham died of his injuries and Mr. Vinasithamby was admitted to hospital. No arrests have been made in the killing, but a teen-ager has been charged with aggravated assault in the attack on Mr. Vinasithamby.



CENTRE OF STORM ... Gary Schipper (above) and Wolfgang Droege (below) are focus of anti-racist anger that has turned to violence.

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JUNE 23, 1993

To community groups:

On Friday June 11, Anti-Racist Action marched through the South Riverdale community to expose, oppose and confront violent white supremacist organizing activity in that area. The demonstration targeted 97 Bertmount Avenue, a residence where Gary Schipper wrote and recorded the vile messages of the Heritage Front Hateline. The Hateline not only gives a forum for openly racist, anti-semitic and homophobic messages, it is also used as a promotion and recruitment tool for the Heritage Front and paramilitary organization Church of the Creator, groups that have a long record of hate mongering, violence, and intimidation.



During the demonstration, some anti-racist protestors struck back against Gary Schipper and the Heritage Front. Paint bombs and rocks were thrown at his residence and windows were broken. Although these acts of vandalism were not planned by ARA, our group allows people to express their anger against fascism and white supremacy as they see fit. We do not police anti-racists.

VIOLENCE, ANGER, AND THE MEDIA

Since the demonstration, the media has made every effort to marginalize ARA. Echoing the Heritage Front, some reporters have described us as "anarchists, militant gays and lesbians, members of far left groups". In this way they delegitimize the anger that is building in this city against fascist groups and racist, anti-semitic and homophobic thugs in general.

We have been dismissed as unprincipled hooligans, when all the evidence shows that anti-racist protesters remained disciplined and focused during the demonstration, limiting property damage to Schipper's address. Furthermore, ARA supporters who went door-to-door explaining our presence met with strong support from the majority of area residents. While many were understandably nervous about a large militant demonstration passing through their neighbourhood, most were far more horrified to learn of nazi organizing in their backyards.

Some have accused ARA of "descending to the level of the fascists". We find it indecent, at best, to compare ARA's restrained protest to the cowardly and brutal violence committed by nazis recently:

- A five-on-one assault on a Black community activist in Toronto
- An arson attack on a residence for young women in Toronto
- An anti-semitic attack on a man in Kitchener
- Five people hospitalized by nazis rampaging through the streets of Ottawa after a Heritage Front recruitment rally
- A Tamil man grabbed and beaten in Toronto, by a nazi drunk and pumped-up after a Heritage Front rally earlier that evening

Where was the public outcry in response to these attacks? And the many others inspired by local fascists, if not carried out by them? Where was the media? But when a white man's windows are broken in an act of outrage against nazi terror, those young people responsible are branded as criminals.

WHAT ARE OTHER ANTI-RACIST ACTIVISTS SAYING ABOUT JUNE 11?

Media have diligently sought out anti-racist organizers and activists to publicly denounce ARA and the June 11 demonstration. So far, they have had little success. Even those who cannot endorse such action for political reasons have gone out of their way to avoid condemning us:

- Dudley Laws of the Black Action Defense Committee called the action "extreme... but justified".
- Bernie Farber of the Canadian Jewish Congress: "The problem is...the police and the attorney-general's office have not been co-operating. They have not used legislation as a means to stop to hate-mongering. Young people...understandably get very frustrated and wrongly take the law into their own hands. I really hold the people who are in the position of authority responsible at this point because they have chosen to do nothing [about hate crimes]."
- Martin Theriault of the Canadian Centre Against Racism and Prejudice: "Even though no one can support the vandalizing of a person's house, we also have to understand that given the amount of pressure and vicious attacks by the neo-nazis, and the lack of law enforcement response to neo-nazis in the past, that we did have all the conditions necessary for the incident at Schipper's house to occur."

DIFFERENT STRATEGIES -- ONE ANTI-RACIST MOVEMENT

We are learning from events in Europe and elsewhere that we need to use a variety of tactics in the fight against fascism. In Germany, the resurgence of the far-right has not been prevented even by laws against nazi organizing and propaganda much stronger than Canadian hate laws. Cops and the courts may sometimes slow down white supremacist activity, but we can't depend on them alone -- particularly when members of neo-nazi groups are employed by the military and police forces. European anti-fascists are also learning that millions may march in the streets against racist violence, but the murders and firebombings continue.

As a youth-oriented group, ARA is developing its own particular strategies to fight grassroots racism. We've focused on education in high schools, both to empower those who are targeted by fascists and to prevent fascist recruitment of young white students. We participate in anti-racist coalitions and help build mass demonstrations, and also organize militant and direct street action against local nazis.

Some anti-racist protestors were frightened at the June 11 demonstration. We sympathize! Because anti-fascist work is always dangerous, we prepare for possible attacks in any way we can, whether by developing defensive marshalling strategies, by carrying heavy picket signs to protect ourselves, or by keeping a march route secret. These tactics kept anti-racists safe on June 11, although close to 50 members of the Heritage Front and Church of the Creator were assembled a few blocks from our starting point.

We have to be clear with ourselves that it is fascist goons and racist police that make anti-fascist work dangerous -- not militant anti-racists! And the risks we take are worth it because we are seeing some results. While the Kitchener chapter of the Heritage Front holds meetings and displays propaganda in a downtown storefront, Toronto Front members can't even announce their events in advance for fear of anti-racist protest. Because they can't openly maintain an office space, their homes and offices have become their centres of operation. But after June 11, Droege and his partners in crime won't feel so secure hiding in their homes, organizing for the "final solution".

As a single group in a broad anti-racist movement, Anti-Racist Action supports all efforts and strategies to say NO TO NAZIS, whenever and wherever they appear. In light of current efforts to divide the anti-racist movement over a few broken windows, we ask for your continued support.

To contact ARA, please leave a message on our info-line at 363-7541.

RADIO SHOW TIPOFF

Anti-racist charged

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By BILL DUNPHY

Toronto Sun

Moments after telling CFRB listeners her group's trashing of a racist's home was a "defensive action," an Anti-Racist Action leader was arrested.

Helena Clare Lonero, 23, was picked up outside the radio station yesterday and charged in the vandalism of the home of racist spokesman Gary Schipper.

Lonero had just finished a stint on Jane Hawtin's show when police, hearing her on the air, appeared.

"The last question I'd asked them was if they were willing to take the consequences of the tactics they'd chosen," Hawtin said. "And they said 'yes'."

Anti-Racist Action has led violent demonstrations here and in Ottawa.

On June 11 300 marching under the ARA banner went to the east-end where Schipper rents a flat.

Masked vandals broke windows and doors and threw rocks, paint bombs and smoke bombs.

Lonero is charged with mischief over \$1,000, wearing a disguise with intent to commit an indictable offence and counselling an indictable offence.



HELENA LONERO
"Defensive action"

Police plan strength at racism demo

Toronto Star 93.06.24

By Gail Swainson
TORONTO STAR

Metro police plan to be out in force to prevent violence at an anti-racist demonstration scheduled for Monday, a police spokesperson says.

Police anticipate trouble after a similar demonstration June 11 by more than 200 members of Anti-Racist Action turned ugly, Staff Sergeant John Sillaots said.

New powers for police to help close hate lines

By Gail Swainson
TORONTO STAR

The province will give police "the tools they need" to charge hate-mongers, Solicitor-General David Christopherson says.

He told reporters yesterday a new policy would be announced within a month to help police close down hate lines and stop the spread of other similar messages.

Christopherson met with representatives from the Canadian Jewish Congress and the Ontario Human Rights Commission privately yesterday.

Congress spokesperson Bernie Farber said his group wanted to press the province to use legislation now in place to lay charges against white supremacists who break the anti-hate laws.

Christopherson said Attorney-General Marion Boyd "feels we should make some changes to the Criminal Code" to aid police in a clampdown on hate-mongers.

Christopherson's announcement came as two Conservative MPPs said they will introduce private members' bills to combat racial violence and hate literature.

Don Cousens said his amendment to the human rights code would allow complaints to the Ontario Human Rights Commission about public statements or written material that discriminates.

The civil rights protection bill by Charles Harnick would allow court action against a person or association that promotes hatred.

Harnick told a news conference that recent incidents such as a cross-burning in the London area and clashes between anti-racism demonstrators and white supremacists in Ottawa and Toronto show something must be done.

Private members bills seldom become law. But Harnick and Cousens said they are frustrated by the New Democrat government's refusal, or inability, to act on the dissemination of hate literature and the recent spate of racial violence around the province.

□ With files from Canadian Press.

"We will have a police presence there so there will be no repeat of the violence," Sillaots said yesterday. "There will be an ample police presence, and if there is trouble, arrests will be made."

Monday's demonstration is being organized by the Ontario Coalition for Abortion Clinics, although members of Anti-Racist Action will participate, said march spokesperson Miriam Jones.

The demonstration is being held to protest several recent race-related beatings of Tamil immigrants and stepped-up organizing efforts by white supremacists, Jones said.

Spokespeople with the Tamil Eelam Society said they expect at least 4,000 from Metro's Tamil community to attend Monday's rally.

Police were criticized when, late on June 11, about a half-dozen of the Anti-Racist Action marchers trashed the rented east-end home of Gary Schipper, who operates the Heritage Front Hotline.

A few hours later, white supremacists from the Heritage Front and the Church of the Creator clashed with anti-racists on College St. while police looked on.

Four were arrested at the College St. brawl, including Heritage Front leader Wolfgang Droegge. One Anti-Racist Action supporter was arrested at the melee.

Yesterday, Elena Claire Lonero, 23, of Bathurst St. was charged with mischief over \$1,000, wearing a disguise with the intent to commit an indictable offence and counselling to commit an indictable offence in connection with the incident at Schipper's house.

Lonero was on a radio hotline show yesterday afternoon with two other Anti-Racist Action members when an officer who had been on duty at the march tuned in, Sillaots said.

"He decided to take a drive over and see if he recognized any of them."

Schipper has filed a formal complaint with Metro police against Anti-Racist Action, "because I want to get the ball rolling against these people."

Sillaots said police were caught flat-footed at the Friday night march when the organizers deliberately changed plans in mid-demonstration.

Police had earlier been told the protesters would march to the home of Ernst Zundel, but instead they went to Schipper's Bertmount Ave. home, leaving behind a heavy police presence at Zundel's Carlton St. house.

"Unfortunately, that time we got caught in their game, but that won't happen this time," Sillaots said.

New charge in home trashing

Toronto Star 93.06.25

A second woman has been charged in the trashing of the rented east Toronto home of Gary Schipper, who operates the white supremacist Heritage Front Hotline.

Metro police Detective Sergeant Dave Marks said today a woman, who was identified through videotapes taken at the June 11 incident on Bertmount Ave., turned herself in to police at 51 Divison yesterday afternoon.

Anti-Racist Action members were accused of damaging the home belonging to Marbar Properties.

Karlin Ruth Clouse, 23, of Wales Ave. is charged with mischief over \$1,000 and wearing a disguise during the commission of a crime.

Similar charges were laid on Wednesday against another woman after she was heard on a radio talk show.

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Toronto Star June 28, 1993

Vigilante tactics leave racism foes feeling betrayed

This evening, a large contingent of ordinary people alarmed by the increasingly violent nature of racist activity in this city will take their concerns to the streets.

In what has been billed as one of the most inclusive demonstrations of its kind, the rally — starting at 6 p.m. at Parliament and Gerrard Sts. — is expected to attract thousands of participants. Most, to their credit, will attend because it is the only way they know to publicly declare their revulsion with elements such as the white supremacist Heritage Front, and out of sympathy with Tamil immigrants who have been the victim of recent attacks.

Some will be old hands at this sort of thing: the quasi-professional demonstrators who have tirelessly carried the banner for human rights over the decades. Others will be drawn from the shadier fringes of opportunistic agitators, who never met a public gathering that they couldn't exploit for their own purposes.

It is a sad commentary on our times that police have already announced they will be out in force to prevent any violence at an event which was ostensibly organized to promote peaceful co-existence. There is some legitimate concern that these well-intentioned protesters could be needed into a confrontation by racist thugs trolling for a rumble.

The participating groups have arranged for marshals to control their own delegations. Among those groups is the Anti-Racist Action faction, a largely covert organization which is not indisposed to using violence as a means to an end: primarily the extermination of the Heritage Front.

In order to gain official status at the demo, the faction has promised to abide by rules of behavior as set out by the participants. But it should be remembered that its marshals were unable to control the crowd back in January, when about 500 members, many of them of high school age, clashed with police during another protest against the front at the Ontario Court building. And earlier this month, they trashed the home of Gary Schipper, whose voice is heard on the Heritage Front telephone hotline.

The anti-racist faction claims to have 500 indoctrinated supporters and that up to 70 of them regularly show up for meetings held in secret locations every two weeks. Since first appearing on the scene less than a year ago, organizers have concentrated on taking their agenda to Metro high schools, thereby duplicating the recruitment methods of their sworn enemies in the Heritage Front.

It is difficult to get a handle on the group, mostly because their alleged leaders are elusive and those who have been identified will not speak to reporters, at least not on the record. At a recent meeting in the aftermath of the assault on Schipper's (rented) house, those in attendance were ordered not to speak to the press at any further demonstrations.

While gaining more media attention lately, the group is having difficulty hanging on to its membership. Many feel betrayed by its violent tactics, its secrecy, its elitist hierarchy, its manipulation of those who attended the latest rally (never knowing they were headed for Schipper's house, nor what had been planned once they got there), and its antagonism toward police.

"They didn't tell anybody what they were intending to do," says one Ryerson student, who is still distressed by what happened at Schipper's house. In particular, he remembers the fear he saw in the eyes of Schipper's neighbors, an Oriental family who had no idea what was happening or why.

This participant says he will not make the same mistake again. "I put myself in that position and I have to live with what happened. But I'm not going to be duped again. I want to fight racism, but not with a bunch of vigilantes."

At the aforementioned meeting, other members of the group angrily challenged the organizers, wondering whether anyone had taken into consideration the plight of Schipper's neighbors. The leadership haughtily deflected the criticism, steadfastly maintaining that "attacking the fascists was always self-defence because everyone is under continuous attack by the Heritage Front's very existence."

In truth, the group may have it partly right: perhaps it is acceptable to knock a few heads when you're dealing with white supremacist cretins. This may be the only language that they understand. And, while most of us do not condone violence, how many would shed tears if a few neo-Nazi bones were snapped in the process?

But so far, all the group's members have proved is that they can beat up a house.



Rosie DiManno

Fight racism, gov't urged

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By IAN ROBERTSON
Toronto Sun

The Canadian Jewish Congress was satisfied with promises yesterday by Ontario's top law enforcer to draft plans for battling growing racism.

But CJC spokesman Louis Lenkinski said Solicitor General David Christopherson is wrong to say new laws are needed to stop the spread of white supremacist groups.

"The law doesn't need to be changed, it needs to be applied," Lenkinski, an Ontario Human Rights commissioner, said after meeting Christopherson.

"We asked for the application of anti-hate law as it stands. The Rae government is standing still."

Lenkinski said CJC will give the government "some time, but we worry it could be a long, hot summer."

The CJC's key complaint was a lack of Metro Police action at a June 12-13 racist rock concert.

"Metro Police chose not to do anything," CJC's Bernie Farber said. Buoyed by a lack of intervention, concertgoers later "severely beat a young Tamil," he added.

Farber said Ottawa cops "have the right idea with their anti-racist squad."

Christopherson said he'll contact Ottawa's police chief to discuss using the force's anti-racism unit as a province-wide model.

— With files from
Zen Ruryk

MICHAEL HOLLETT

OUT-HATING THE RACISTS

Fighting racism with hate is like fighting murder with capital punishment.

So it's with a sense of sadness and futility that I watch the ongoing, impatient efforts of Anti-Racist Action (ARA), the excitable group whose members attacked the east-end home of a local racist outfit's leader about two weeks ago.

How you fight an issue is as important as what you are fighting. Fighting racism, a particularly evil form of hate, can't be done by hating.

Like other emotionally impaired people, racists should be the objects of pity and containment. To chase them down, blocking their efforts to fair trials and actually descending on their homes with violence, is reminiscent of Nazi mobs destroying Jewish businesses.

It's as despicable and hate-laden as every mob action taken against any person who has been reduced to the status of a symbol.

I used to savour being at the front of demonstrations, secretly hoping for trouble. I'm still drawn there by a faint tingle — the prospect of getting in a few boots for a good cause, shoving a cop for peace, throwing a snowball at a Zionist, or maybe just yelling at a few anti-abortionists.

The irony of this stance has eventually hunted me down, although I still feel the flicker of a need for instant gratification when I believe my cause is particularly just.

But I have reluctantly had to let go of my urge to take my place up front.

When I was on a panel about the writer and human rights with Margaret Atwood a few years ago, she said that no evil has ever been carried out in the name of evil.

Atrocities have traditionally been carried out in the name of good — protecting democracy, preserving the fatherland, or even a little ethnic cleansing to get rid of those genetic stains.

Racism can only be defeated by discrediting hate, not trading in it. Humankind gains power and hope by valuing love and respect, not by massing the biggest street gang.

That might not be happening fast enough, but it remains the only hope.

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demonstrate,
Parliament &
Gerrard to ...**



Gunalan Muthulingam:
beaten June 7, died
June 10

STOP RACIST ATTACKS

In the past few months this city and province have seen a frightening escalation in the number of racist attacks. These attacks have left one man dead and one man paralyzed.

The attacks come in the context of a rise in the level of Neo-Nazi organizing across Canada.

Attacks on lesbians and gay men, long targets of hate from far-right groups, have increased considerably. In Montreal, 13 gay men have been murdered since 1990 and countless others have been beaten. Members of the lesbian and gay community believe that Nazi organizations have played a significant role in a number of these beatings and murders. Aboriginal people have been the target of racist attacks. Fascist symbols were painted on the sidewalk outside the Native Canadian Centre in Toronto just a few months ago. One socialist bookstore in Toronto had a window, with pictures of Nelson Mandela and Malcolm X prominently displayed, smashed by the far right.

Nazis in our neighbourhoods

Groups such as the Heritage Front, the Church of the Creator and others are actively trying to build Nazi organizations in this city. They are leafletting our neighbourhoods, targeting our schools and our social clubs. With their flyers, phone-lines and meetings they intend to build a large fascist base in Toronto. A strong, visible, anti-racist presence in our communities is what is needed to push them back.

Just another viewpoint?

The Heritage Front and others say they are just about ideas, that they are about "an alternative viewpoint". Too often the media has bought into this "free-speech" nonsense, simply labelling groups like the Heritage Front as a "White rights group". But what the Nazis are about has nothing to do with rights, but everything to do with inciting and organizing violence against people of colour, lesbians and gay men, the left, and anyone else they see as the enemy. Newspapers have devoted column after column to a broken window and have largely ignored the broken bones and lives to those who have suffered at the hands of the Nazis.

Media and the Nazis

Papers like the *Toronto Sun* have in many ways helped the Heritage Front grow - all the racist stereotypes about "Asian crime gangs" and "Jamaican Drug kingpins" and "job stealing illegal

immigrants" - this plays right into the hands and ideology of Heritage Front leader, Wolfgang Droege and his friends.

The racist climate created by such stereotypes is one example of the systemic racism faced by people of colour in Canada. This is made even worse in hard economic times, where right-wingers try to blame the crisis on immigrants, women, lesbians and gay men. It is this scapegoating and economic crisis which feeds the growth of the far right.

A racist climate

The Heritage Front and the racist climate they feed in, both directly and indirectly threatens many of our communities - it is time our communities and our organizations came together and said enough is enough.

We need only look to Europe today to see the threat that the far-right can pose. The brutal attacks and firebombings in Germany, the rise of the National Front in France and the anti-semitic attacks across Poland. But here, as in Europe, many many people oppose the racists and the Nazis and are disgusted by what they stand for.

The opposition that many communities feel to the Nazis however has yet to be fully tapped. We have not yet seen the level of joint action and co-ordination across communities that can give a mass focus to anti-racism and anti-fascism in the city.

The organizers of this demonstration are from a variety of different community and political organizations. Despite our differences we share one thing. We are determined to put an end to the attacks and we are determined to prevent the cancer of fascism taking root in our neighbourhoods and in our city. This demonstration could be a beginning.

Unity in action

To really make a difference and begin to turn the tide against the far-right we need more and more organizations and community members to stand up and get involved. We need to come together and plan how we can effectively work together against racism and fascism. If we stand and work together then we can defeat them.

See over for more information ➔

• June 6, Toronto:
Sivarajah
Vinasithamby, 32, a Sri
Lankan Tamil, is
subject to a vicious
beating by a white
supremacist - he
remains in hospital
with partial paralysis.
He was attacked as he
walked home from
working at Tasty's
Restaurant on Bloor
Street.

• June 10, Toronto:
Gunalan Muthulingam,
45, also a Sri Lankan
Tamil, died following a
brutal attack June 7 on
Bleeker Street.

• June 11, Toronto:
Heritage Front thugs
rampage on College
Street, attacking anti-
racist activists outside
Sneaky Dees
restaurant.

• June 14, Stoney
Creek: Two young Sikh
men are attacked by a
crowd of thirty
students after leaving a
high school dance in
Stoney Creek.

• June 20, Toronto:
Ganeshamoorthy
Vigneshwaramoorthy, a
Sri Lankan Tamil, is cut
by broken beer bottles
by two white men near
King and Dufferin, in an
attack which police
called a hate crime.

These attacks are not
alone, many others
haven't made the
headlines or have
simply gone
unreported. Among
these lesser known
incidents that have
occurred in the last few
months:

• K.W. Kicked in the
spine, Pape Station,
Toronto; P. verbally
harassed by three
skinheads, Bain
Avenue, Toronto; C.V.
attacked at the Metro
Toronto Zoo by three
white youth; a Sikh boy
beaten by three
sixteen-year old youths
who placed a lit
sparkler in his mouth in
an east end school;
"Anti-Nazi House"
scribbled on a road
sign with arrow
pointing to the house
of S.P. in Toronto; two
older Tamil women,
verbally harassed by a
white man on the TTC
for speaking Tamil; in
Kitchener, anti-semites
attack a local
shopkeeper; in London,
a cross-burning, trade-
mark of the Ku Klux
Klan, is reported.

Stop Racist Attacks, June 28

**We are the many,
they are the few**

**Stop the
Attacks**

**No to the Nazi
Menace**

Get involved

**Come to a 'Town Hall
Meeting' to discuss**

**What next
in the
fight
against
Racism?**

**Monday, July 5, 7pm
519 Church St.
Community Centre**

The June 28 rally and march is endorsed by the following organizations: • Action Committee on Women's Rights in Iran • AIDS Action Now! • Alliance for South Asian Aids Prevention • Asian ReVisions • Bengal Forum of Canada • Black Action Defense Committee • Bloor Information and Legal Services • Bloor Neighbourhood • Canadian African Newcomers Aid Centre • Coalition of Agencies Serving South Asians • Coalition of Visible Minority Women • Communist League • Cross-Cultural Communication Centre • CUSO-Ontario • Development Education Centre (DEC) • Desh Pardesh • DIVA • Eelam Tamil Information Centre of Toronto • East Toronto Organizing Against Racism and Hate • Federation of Associations of Canadian Tamils (FACT - 10 organizations) • Indian Progressive Study Group • International Federation of Iranian Refugees and Immigrants Councils, Toronto Branch • International Socialists • J.D. Griffin Centre • Jewish Feminist Anti-Fascist League • Kingston Global Community Centre • Korean Women's Collective • Khush, South Asian Gay Men of Toronto • Latin American Lesbian Group • Lesbian Youth Peer Support • Mississauga Tamil Association • Multicultural Coalition for Access to Family Services • National Association of Canadian Tamils (NACT) • National Council of Canadian Filipino Associations, Greater Toronto Area • Native Canadian Centre • Nelson Mandela Support Group • Nirvana Cultural Society • Ontario Coalition Against Poverty • Ontario Coalition for Abortion Clinics • Parkdale Community Legal Services • Portuguese Social Services • Riverdale Immigrant Women's Centre • Samiyoni Collective • Senthamarai • Sri Lankan Students of Canada • Socialist Challenge • South Asian Social Services Organization, Rexdale • South Asian Family Support Services, Scarborough • Tamil Eelam • Tamil Resource Centre • Toronto Anti-Racist Action • Turtle Island Support Group • Two Spirited People of the First Nations • UIZHIPPU • Tamil Women's Organization • ad hoc Union Action Coalition • Urban Alliance on Race Relations • United Steelworkers of America, Local 8300 • Vilapu (Tamil women's organization) • West End Anti-Racism Group • Women's Action Against Racist Policing • Women Working with Immigrant Women • York Sri Lankan Students Association • Young Asians United • Youth for Social Justice - Anti-Racist Action, Kingston • And Endorsed in a personal capacity by: Barbara Hall, City of Toronto Councillor, Ward 7 • Roger Hollander, Metro Toronto councillor • André Kolompas, president, Toronto local of Canadian Union of Postal Workers • Jack Layton, federal NDP candidate for Rosedale • Tim Murphy, Provincial MPP, St. George, St. David • and individual members of: • Nurses And Friends Against Discrimination • Real Justice Coalition • South Asian Women's Group

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Rally against racism

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By DAVID KENDALL
Toronto Sun

About 1,200 anti-racists waved banners and bad-mouthed neo-Nazis in a massive, peaceful march against racism last night.

The marchers, representing 50 ethnic groups, heard speeches at a Gerrard and Parliament Sts. parkette, then went to the 519 Church St. Community Centre.

About 40% of the crowd was of East Indian nationality, reflecting their anger at recent racist attacks on Tamils.

"If there are neo-Nazis attacking, let the police handle it," said march spokesman Sharmani Peries.

Police were everywhere.

Staff-Supt. John Getty called it "a peaceful demonstration."

But police arrested two men who were wanted for the June 11 trashing of a Toronto house where Heritage Front member Gary Schipper lives.

And mounted police separated three members of the Heritage Front group from the heckling crowd.



- Greig Reekie, Sun

ON GUARD ... More than 50 ethnic groups were represented by marchers in last night's huge anti-racism march.

Racism protested

Activists decry Tamil attacks

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The Globe and Mail

TORONTO — About 2,000 people marched in downtown Toronto last night to protest against three racist attacks on Tamil men during the past month.

Hundreds of Tamils were among a crowd that gathered at Parliament and Gerrard Streets to listen to speeches by antiracist activists.

"Racism is a gigantic evil," Sinnathamby Sittampalam, secretary of the Tamil Ealam Society of Canada, told the cheering crowd. "We have to stop this, and stop it once and for all!"

But most protesters agreed that the issue goes beyond the Tamil attacks. "We are here to confront the root cause of these beatings," said anti-racist activist Winnie Ng.

Signs reading "Violence is not the Tamil way" jostled alongside slogans saying "Nazis, it's your turn to die now." Many members of the more than 50 antiracist and community groups chanted slogans calling for an end to white supremacist organizations such as the Heritage Front, the Church of the Creator and the Ku Klux Klan.

There was a brief disruption in the rally when protesters booed three members of the Heritage Front who were videotaping the march, but Metro police on horseback moved in and averted an incident.



About 2,000 members of antiracist and community groups gathered at Parliament and Gerrard Streets last night to protest against brutal attacks on three Tamil men, one of whom died.

(TIBOR KOLLEY/The Globe and Mail)



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TAKING A STAND: Protesters march north on Church St. last night in an anti-racism rally sponsored by more than 60 groups.

2,000 join peaceful anti-racist march

By Gail Swainson and Peter Small
TORONTO STAR

More than 2,000 chanting demonstrators marched on downtown Toronto last night in a peaceful protest against racism and the recent attacks on Tamil immigrants in the city.

A spokesperson for Metro's Tamil community warned politicians they are "sitting on a powder keg ready to explode" unless Canada's hate laws are strictly enforced.

"If there are no laws to punish these hate-mongers, then enact laws," Sitampalam said in a speech to hundreds of whistle-blowing, cheering protesters be-

fore the march began. "If there are laws, then use them to eradicate this cancer."

The ranks of the protesters swelled to more than 2,000 as placard-waving demonstrators walked from Gerrard St., north on Parliament St. to Wellesley St. and then north on Church St.

Police arrested two of the protesters for their role in an anti-racism protest almost three weeks ago, which turned violent when demonstrators trashed the rented house of Gary Schipper, operator of the Heritage Hotline.

Ainsworth Weir, 21, and Peter Rickards, 23, were charged with mischief over \$1,000, wearing a disguise with the

intent to commit a crime, and possession of a prohibited weapon.

During last night's march, five mounted officers placed their horses between demonstrators and several Heritage Front members who were videotaping the demonstration. A protester put a hand over the camera, one witness said.

Several marchers then chased the white supremacists down a side street, but plainclothes police intervened.

Members of Anti-Racist Action, a militant anti-racism group, marched with their faces covered to prevent identification in the rally sponsored by more than 60 groups, including labor, anti-racist

and community groups.

Dudley Laws of the Black Action Defence Committee told marchers that racism is on the rise — and must be stamped out.

Demonstrators carried signs saying, "Canada is not for Nazis," "Hate is not hip" and one carried by a masked demonstrator said, "Die Nazi."

Passersby, including many Tamils who live in the area, watched the peaceful march. Several said they couldn't demonstrate because they had to watch their stores.

One man shouted, "Send them all back home."

Our leaders surrender to the loonie fringe

Toronto Star 93-06-30

SO WHERE was Mayor June Rowlands? Where was Metro Chairman Alan Tonks? Where were clergymen, Bay Street lawyers and our esteemed community leaders?

They were desperately needed Monday night. There was a march to protest racism in general and particularly to protest attacks on Tamils. Gunalan Muthulingam had died in the hospital after being stomped by racist thugs.

But except for a few honorable exceptions — notably people from the United Steelworkers, the Urban Alliance, the Coalition of Agencies Serving South Asians and the Canadian Jewish Congress — people at the head of organizations that are supposed to be important in Toronto were playing their own little game of political correctness.

The hysterical left was going to be at the demonstration, so they certainly could not be.

Some of those left-wing extremists might get violent. The Heritage Front might show up. Somebody might get hurt.

Our leaders stayed away. And by doing so, they are conceding the streets to

The City

David Lewis
Stein



the loonies of the right and left.

Control of the streets has become very important. Streets are public arenas. Struggles that take place in the streets are reported in newspapers and on television. These struggles demonstrate to people at home where real power lies.

Just look at last Sunday when almost 100,000 people showed up for the Gay Pride parade. It was covered with the kind of respect usually reserved for Caravan and Johnny Lombardi's picnic.

Police recognized the gays as a genuine community and did not charge for keeping order. A police bagpiper led the way to a memorial service for victims of AIDS.

For some people, I know, that was a sweet moment of triumph.

It is only 13 years since police officers campaigned against George Hislop and battered down the doors of bathhouses serving the gay community.

In 1980, Hislop, a Toronto businessman and campaigner for gay rights, decided to run for city council. Mayor John Sewell went to the opening of his campaign office and was photographed with his arm around the candidate. It caused a sensation.

A group calling themselves "Positive Parents," harassed Sewell at public meetings. Police officers spoke openly against Sewell and Hislop.

Both men were defeated and the hysterical anti-gay vote helped bring them down. In February, 1981, police raided four gay bathhouses and arrested more than 300 people — almost all of whom were found innocent of any offence.

Outraged members of the gay community held demonstrations. There were some violent clashes with the police.

On the last Sunday in June that year a group of gay activists, among them Kyle Rae, organized the first Gay Pride Day in Grange Park. About 1,000 people came.

Last Sunday, almost 100,000 people either watched or took part in the 13th annual Gay Pride parade.

That's power.

It hasn't come easy and the struggle of the gay community for complete acceptance by the rest of us is far from over. But gay people have come a long way. When Kyle Rae ran for City Council in 1991, his homosexuality wasn't even an issue.

When you can draw 100,000 people into the streets, the police, and others sensitive to power, stop and think that all those demonstrators have brothers and sisters, mothers, fathers and friends.

You are connected. You have shown you are part of the mainstream. Those who hate you are pushed to the fringe.

People campaigning against racism need to make that kind of display in the streets.

But they can't do it alone. Call a demonstration against racism and you get Dudley Laws and the Black Action Defence Committee, the Trotskyite League of Canada and an outfit that carried placards identifying themselves as "The Bolshevik Tendency."

You get the Jewish Feminist Anti-Fascist League. A young man carrying their banner had hair down to his shoulders, a beatific smile and flowers in his hair. He looked like a hippie who had been flash frozen in 1967 and thawed out just for this event.

But if you are organizing an anti-racist demonstration you cannot tell any of these people to go home.

What you hope, though, is that other people will show up too. You want Rowlands and Tonks and the whole of city council and Metro Council. You want good folks from all over.

You want thousands of people like Bernie Farber, Dave Satok and Manuel Prutschi from the Canadian Jewish Congress who marched on Monday night wearing jackets and ties.

What you need — and so far are not getting — is the kind of massive support the gay community was able to demonstrate last weekend.

Then the struggle against racism would stop being a fight between fringe groups of the right and left and become all of us against the lunatic fringe.

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Anti-racist groups debate usefulness of violence

Thousands turn out to protest racial attacks on local Tamils

By ENZO DI MATTEO

The emphasis is on having a "peaceful" demonstration Monday (June 28) as thousands of Torontonians take part in a protest against the vicious attacks on three Sri Lankan immigrants.

"We're here to have a very, very peaceful demonstration," one of the organizers tells the crowd, apparently referring to a recent demo by Anti-Racist Action (ARA) that ended with the trashing of the house of the Heritage Front's Gary Schipper.

Few of the placards held aloft by participants evoke the confronta-



Demonstration June 28, Parliament and Gerrard

T.O. activists answer right-wing challenge through peaceful but forceful protest.

"I can tell you that ARA wants to be on the streets, and wants to be militant and confront the Heritage Front and Church of the Creator whenever we see them on the street," says Ian.

As for those who are dismayed with the group's aggressive posture — unspecified numbers have left its ranks — Ian says the group never promised to be all things to all people.

"There may be some who are not comfortable with the actions of some of the demonstrators and ARA's refusal to condemn anti-racists (involved), but the spectrum of the anti-racist movement in Toronto is not all contained within one organization."

Terry King, a former frontline ARA member, says he left before the Schipper incident because he felt aggressive actions do more to hurt than help build the anti-racist movement. A strategic turning point for the group, he says, came after a confrontation with police in January outside a University Avenue courtroom before a hearing to decide on the constitutionality of shutting down the Front's telephone hotline.

ARA charged after the incident that at least one of its members of several arrested at the time was beaten in custody by police.

"ARA is under a lot of pressure right now from people on the (political) left (within the group) because

they're worried that, in the attempt to build, people are going to be afraid to come out because they are going to be potentially targeted by police for arrest," says King, whose roommate continues to be a member of the group. "ARA has created that atmosphere."

Ian, on the other hand, asks a reporter to put things in perspective.

Broke windows

"These were people who broke the windows of a guy who spews hate and recruits Nazis. Compared to the broken bones and dead bodies they are leaving around, the scale is totally different."

Ian says that, contrary to popular opinion, "In discussion we've had with other anti-racists in the city, while they would not support what happened, they see it as part of the

spectrum of fighting racism."

Karen Mock, national director of B'nai Brith's League for Human Rights, agrees that her organization shares a common enemy with ARA. "But there are other ways to really shake up the neighbourhood and make the statement without necessarily crossing the line."

"Probably what they did pales in comparison to what others (racists) are doing in advocating people to violate rights, but there's peaceful protest and civil disobedience. When we get into a situation when they lose the sympathy among not only the mainstream but their own, many will shy away from the group."

Mock says B'nai Brith is willing to work with ARA, but she says, "One of the lessons of the Holocaust is that you can't divide up as-

pects of behaviour. If you use a violent tactic against someone else, then in the end, you may even end up using that tactic against your own."

"There's no question that people are trying to denounce the activities (of ARA) and create divisions in the anti-racist movement itself, and that's not healthy, but we can't condone activities that will actually ask young people to break the law."

The real question, says Bob Kellerman, lawyer for the group and a former activist, is whether the ARA's methods of combating racism are the most effective. He believes they are.

Facing racism

"Unless the authorities deal with racism and unless the more conservative groups deal with racism, inevitably people are going to think that racism is accepted by those who are in power," he says. "Unfortunately, holding a forum in the quiet of some building somewhere isn't going to do it."

"As long as there's an insecurity among youth and we're in an economic crisis with thousands of unemployed and discontented out there, the Nazis are going to have fertile ground to recruit unless someone stands in their way."

In Germany, groups advocating confrontational responses to the rise in neo-Nazi activity closely mirror the ARA. The militant black garb, slogans and weapons — usually paint and smoke bombs, rocks, bottles and ball bearings — are the same. On the night members of Toronto's Anti-Racist Action (ARA) trashed Schipper's house, in fact, anti-fascists in a town near Hamburg, Germany, were carrying out a similar Nazi seek-and-destroy mission of their own.

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tional language of past ARA demos. One says, "Smash the Nazi Front."

Police, however, aren't taking any chances. Dozens, some in plainclothes, dot the route of the march on bicycles and motorcycles. Others on horseback block the Parliament and Carlton intersection leading to Ernst Zundel's plastic-covered house nearby.

One marshal at the demo says the coalition of 25 groups sponsoring the event "has made a conscious decision not to go by Zundel's." But a busload of riot police sits around the corner preparing for a battle that fails to materialize.

Blocks lens

An anti-racist on a bike spots one of two Front members videotaping the participants. He rides up and blocks the lens with his hand while glaring defiantly at a tattooed cohort of the Front standing by. The man with the camera turns away. A small victory for anti-racists.

Weeks after the Schipper trashing, Toronto activists are still debating whether to condemn ARA's tactics or feel emboldened that a street-level battle is being waged against an increasingly more brazen white-supremacist movement.

Ian, a spokesperson for ARA — members are secretive about their names — makes no apologies for the Schipper incident. Ian promises more of the group's in-your-face tactics, despite the beating of its own anti-racist group has been taking in the media lately.

Anti-racists look to Germany for leads

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But if there's a lesson to be learned from the experience abroad, it is that public, media and police sentiment have converged against those who employ violent means to fight racism. Similar sentiments towards the ARA are already emerging here.

Drawn distance

Both the Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai Brith have distanced themselves from the Schipper attack — the latter announcing the formation of its own anti-racist Youth League — while the mainstream media has been cut off for what the ARA calls its "hyped" and critical coverage of the incident.

While there is, in Germany, some sympathy on a moral level for the violent tactics employed by what are described as "autonomous anti-fascists," Herbert Ammon, a sociologist at Frie University in Berlin, says the groups are "totally rejected" by a majority of Germans.

There, the anti-fascist "movement" is made up of loosely affiliated, largely unorganized cells dominated by those on the political left and cast-offs from the militant

students of the 60s and the anti-nuclear movement of the 1980s. According to Ammon, their ranks have swelled in recent years, mostly with disillusioned youth from across the socioeconomic spectrum.

Their struggle is not only with racism, says Ammon, but with "the system" in general. "They are an established scene of youngsters more or less not interested in any kind of an ideology other than a rejection of the capitalist, exploitative and, above all, racist system," he says.

"Violence is the main element, because the anti-fascists are disillusioned with talking," says Gregorio Roper, a leading member of SOS Racism in Frankfurt.

But although he agrees with mainstream anti-racists that "The anti-fascist means of getting things solved are shortsighted," Roper says there's still a nonviolent role for the groups to play in the struggle against racism. SOS, he says, has organized and participated in events with certain cells on the condition that there's no violence.

The larger agenda against the system, however, has sometimes resulted in clashes with police. Brigitte Erler, head of the Bonn-based,

pro-immigrant Forum Colourful Germany, says a recent protest against asylum laws organized by the group ended with anti-fascists — who had helped coordinate the event — throwing rocks at police.

"We tried to stop them," says Erler, "because we are afraid that using anti-fascist violence is going to motivate those on the right to make more violence." The threat, she says, is that police will use anti-fascist violence directed at them as a pretext for cracking down on them more than on the neo-Nazi right. "For democracy, I think it's very dangerous what they (some anti-fascists) are doing," says Erler.

Form lobbies

Forum's approach has instead been to lobby at the political level and network with citizen groups involved in local efforts in cities and towns across Germany. These include neighbourhood night watches and telephone hotlines set up to rally the public during outbreaks of racist violence.

But Fred Abrahams, a researcher at the University of Bremen, says, he's not sure what real impact the efforts of mainstream anti-racist

groups is having. Most groups are small and organized at the local level by citizen and church groups — the latter of which, Abrahams notes, holds little sway over young people. The mainstream anti-racist groups, meanwhile, are largely networking organizations.

"If you watch German television and talk shows, you're inundated by a series of discussions saying how we cannot allow this to happen," says Abrahams. "Then you have these candlelight processions. But if you ask me what these are doing to halt the attacks on foreigners, probably not much."

Both socially and politically, says Abrahams, "There's a split, because there's a lot of German feeling that opposes open asylum laws," which have brought thousands of immigrants into the country.

"There's no consensus," on what to do to combat the neo-Nazi right, says Kristina Schwaitzar, a spokesperson for Bureau for Social Education near Hanover. "Everybody has their own strategy, more or less, (but) only if we prepare actions together then this discussion (on strategies to combat racism) starts to get more fruitful." ●

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Protest unites diverse anti-racist forces

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BY TANYA LENA

A rally on June 28 protesting the rise of racially motivated violence in Toronto drew over 1,000 people. The rally was the culmination of a month of protests and clashes between racist groups and anti-racism activists.

Organized by a coalition of over 80 activist and community service groups, the demonstration was among the largest in the history of anti-racist activism in Toronto.

"The coalition is building a support base within formerly victimized and silenced communities," said Amy Casipullai, one of the organizers of the march.

The majority of the demonstrators were Tamil - a community that felt especially threatened by racists this June.

Three Tamil men were attacked - one killed, one paralyzed and one severely wounded - in what police believe may have been racially motivated acts of violence.

Aviva Rubin of the Jewish Feminist

Anti-Fascist League (JFAFL) urged demonstrators to speak out against such violence.

"This is not the time to wait patiently and not make waves. Our silence will not protect us," she said.

Demonstrators demanded the enforcement of Canada's hate laws. Tim Murphy, MPP (St. George - St. David), called for improved anti-racist legislation.

"The Ontario Attorney-General [Marion Boyd] should insist on a zero-tolerance approach in bringing charges forward. A charge itself has symbolic value."

Although Boyd's office held a meeting in May to discuss ways of stopping racist violence, no initiatives have yet been taken.

"It's an ongoing process, there's not much I can add," said Barbara Creaver, spokesperson for the Attorney-General.

Organizers of the rally said they were determined not to allow a repeat of a June 11 Anti-Racist Action (ARA) protest which ended with eggs and paint being thrown at the house of Heritage Front member Gary Schipper.

"The coalition was committed to having a very peaceful demonstration," said Sharmini Peries, one of the organizers of the demonstration.

"The protest was organized, in part, to discourage Tamil youth from resorting to violence to combat violence," she added.

But Dari Meade of the Black Action Defence Committee (BADC) told demonstrators that "if the police don't protect us then we have a responsibility to protect ourselves."

Peries said that while the coalition does not advocate fighting the rise of racism with violence, it does not condemn ARA's actions on June 11.

Kevin, a spokesperson for the ARA, said his group supported peaceful protests. "The debate over means has dominated the anti-racist movement from the beginning," he said.

"Where we disagree with the coalition we'll do separate things."

Rally organizers say they hope their ad hoc coalition will remain united for further action, should further incidents of racial violence occur.

Anti-racist group members arrested Two members of the Anti-Racist Action group were arrested yesterday in connection with the June 11 attack on the home of white-supremacist hot-line operator Gary Schipper. Metro Police have charged a 21-year-old man, of Lotherton Pathway in North York, and a 23-year-old man, of Melbourne Avenue in Toronto's west end, with mischief and wearing a disguise while committing an offence. About \$4,000 worth of damage was caused when rocks and smoke bombs were thrown through the windows and doors of Mr. Schipper's house. The Melbourne Avenue man was also charged with possession of a prohibited weapon after police found a canister of mace at the time of the arrest. *Toronto Globe + Mail* 93-07-01

The Toronto Sun, Wednesday June 30, 1993

2 new arrests in racist case

Two more people have been charged in the trashing of a white supremacist's rented home.

Two men were arrested Monday night during a 1,200-member anti-racist rally in downtown Toronto.

"The two men were recognized by two undercover officers in the anti-racist crowd," said Metro Police Staff-Sgt. John Sillaots.

Police have arrested four Anti-Racist Action members since the June 11 televised attack on Gary Schipper's rented east-end home.

Schipper's flat was the focus of an ARA demo and several masked demonstrators broke windows and a door and threw eggs, rocks, paint, smoke bombs and excrement at the Bertmount Ave. house.

Ainsworth Weir, 21, and Peter Rickards, 23, both of Toronto, are charged with mischief over \$1,000 and wearing a disguise with intent to commit an indictable offence.

Sillaots said a 15-year-old Toronto youth was also arrested at the rally for swinging a four-foot club at the demonstrators.

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ARA'S ACTIONS JUST

NOW:

It distresses me to see NOW's Michael Hollett join the pack's (i.e. the mainstream media) effort to discredit and criminalize the work of Anti-Racist Action (NOW, June 24-30.)

In a sense, the kind of event the ARA carried out on June 11 is prone to the kind of excesses that did occur. In the heat and tension of direct action confrontations, either zealots or *agents provocateur* almost inevitably find a way to set off a spark. The ARA organizers of the action, aware of such potential, did a magnificent job of containing that spark once it occurred. Even those who may have no particular philosophical commitment to nonviolence are usually smart enough to recognize the importance of nonviolence for tactical and strategic reasons.

In joining the predictable chorus of ARA detractors in the aftermath of June 11, I believe you do a serious disservice to the anti-racist movement. When you equate the boiled-over passion of anti-racism with the hate-inspired violence of fascism you seriously distort reality.

Do you really believe that throwing stones through Gary Schipper's window is of the same derivation as the brutal beating of a Tamil refugee? Was the uprising of the Warsaw Ghetto no more than an ill-conceived exercise in fighting violence with violence?

Hollett's argument about not fighting hate with hate but with love and respect sounds wonderful, but misses the point. It is an attempt to apply a psychological solution to a socio-political problem. Of course, I believe in love and peace. I was a hippie, too. And, yes, I also know that organized evil is always done and justified in the name of good and that the ends can never justify the means.

I am convinced that the net effect of the ARA strategy has been to give a greater public profile to the rise of hate groups in Toronto and to accelerate the pressure for effective governmental action in a way that would not have otherwise happened. That NOW's editor should join with the rest of the media in portraying ARA as just a rival gang to the Heritage Front (which, I would guess, is probably how the Heritage Front would want to be viewed), to me that is really sad.

Roger Hollander
Metro Councillor
Don River

COMFORTABLE CONDEMNATION

NOW:

Re Michael Hollett's Out-hating The Racists (NOW, June 24-30.)

Hollett claims that "It's with a sense of sadness and futility" that he watches what he purports to be the impatient and violent retributive efforts of the Anti-Racist Action group.

I wonder what senses might

emote from the empathetic Hollett if, instead of watching the ARA's decisive action, he was forced to watch a racially motivated assault on his friends or family. Only a comfortable, white liberal in this society would refer to fighting racism as fighting "an issue." This man is so clearly far-removed from any personal injury resulting from the current increase in racist-related violence that he still believes a few good rallies outside Queen's Park can quell the situation.

P.S. "Out-hating the racists." Is that really such a bad idea?

Darren Alexander
Toronto



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Protestors at June 11 ARA demo: victimized

(Craig Urquhart)

Cops nab seven in June 11 protest

The June 11 Anti-Racist Action (ARA) protest, which saw over 200 protestors attack the Bertmount Avenue Toronto house of neo-Nazi organizer Gary Schipper, was widely criticized by Toronto papers, but some anti-racist organizers say the criticism is misplaced.

Amy Casipullai, who helped organize a 1,000 strong protest on June 28, said the media has portrayed ARA as no better than the racists they attack.

"The ARA has been victimized by the mainstream media," she said.

"They have a good record of working with youth."

Some of Schipper's neighbours disagree. Don Seneschal, who lives across the street from the vandalized house, said he opposes the way the ARA operates.

"Their motives are good, but I cannot agree with their methods," he said.

But Kevin, a spokesperson for the ARA, said he considered the June 11 rally a success.

"It's always difficult to evaluate the effectiveness of violent protest but I look at how we (ARA) affect the far-right"

"The June 11 demonstration crippled the far-right," Kevin said.

"The Heritage Front was forced to cancel their June 12 Kitchener recruitment meeting, and Raballa, their propaganda band, was forced to cancel its

national tour". *Varsity* 93.07.13

Kevin said young people joined ARA because of its willingness to act forcefully.

"I'm not content relying on legislation to do the fighting against racism," he said.

After the protest at Schipper's house, members of ARA and Heritage Front clashed outside Sneaky Dee's, at College and Bathurst streets, and assaulted them in the street.

One person at the scene was taken to hospital with a broken jaw.

Three members of the Heritage Front were arrested at the scene, including Heritage Front leader Wolfgang Droege. All are charged with assault and possession of a dangerous weapon. An ARA member was also arrested.

On June 23, police arrested a 23-year old U of T student outside an open-line radio program at which she was representing the ARA. At the June 28 rally, two other ARA members were arrested.

All four ARA members arrested are charged with mischief over \$1,000, and wearing a disguise with intent to commit an indictable offence. A total of three other lesser charges have also been laid.

with files from G. Bruce Rolston

TANYA LENA

Italian pistols worry police

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By MARK STEWART
Toronto Sun

Police say the seizure of two Italian-made 8 mm pistols from a pair of neo-Nazis may be the first sign of an influx of new illegal handguns.

Det. Paul Clark of the 4 District street crime unit said police had just "put the lid back on" a flood of illegal .380-caliber pistols in Scarborough when these guns showed up.

"I imagine in the next few months we'll see a lot more 8 mm Italian pistols," Clark said.

The pistols were seized as a spin-off of a stolen car probe.

Car watched

Early this week police were watching a stolen auto, waiting for the thieves to return.

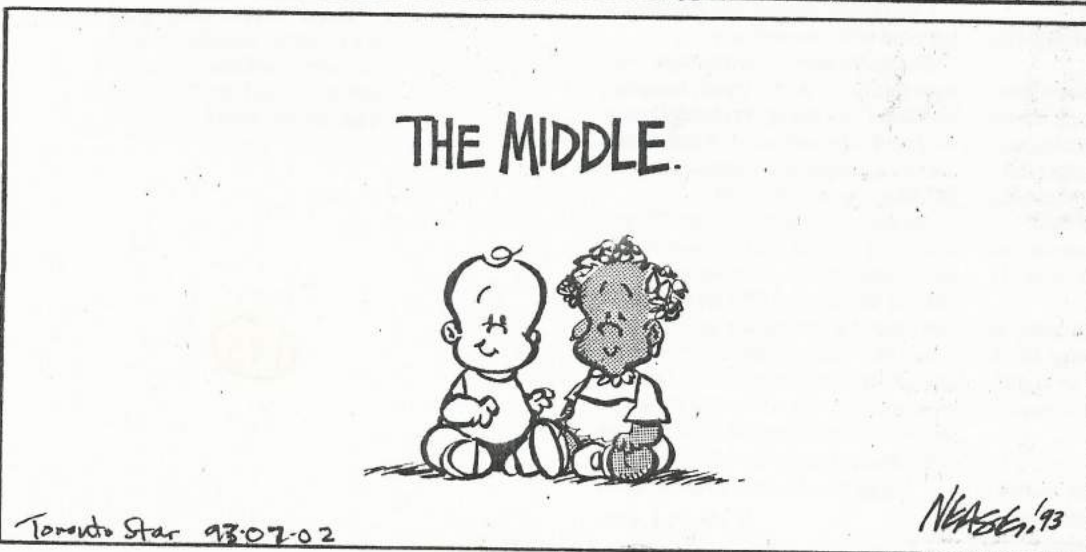
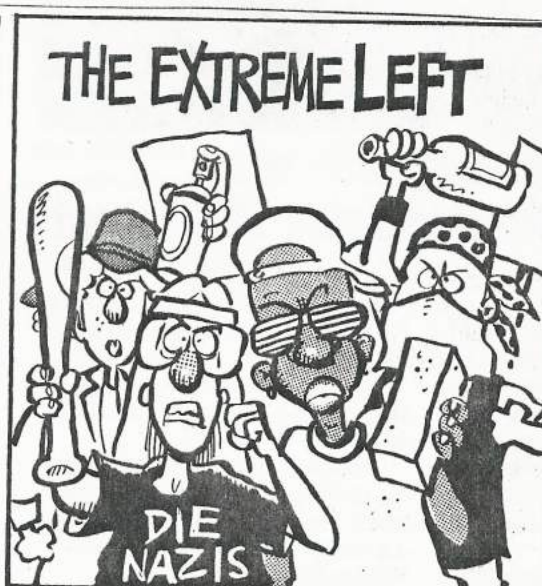
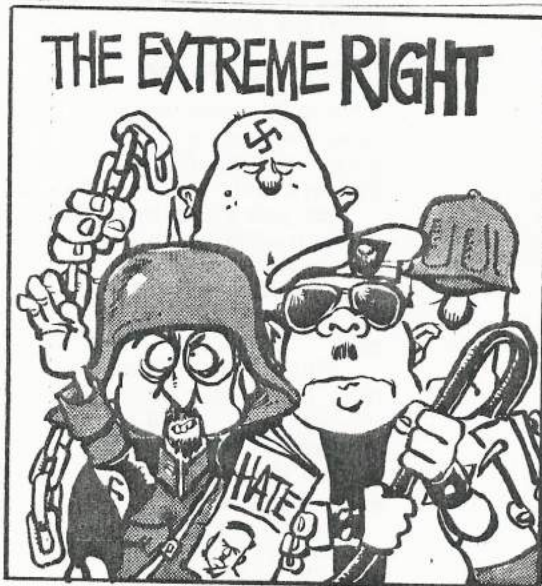
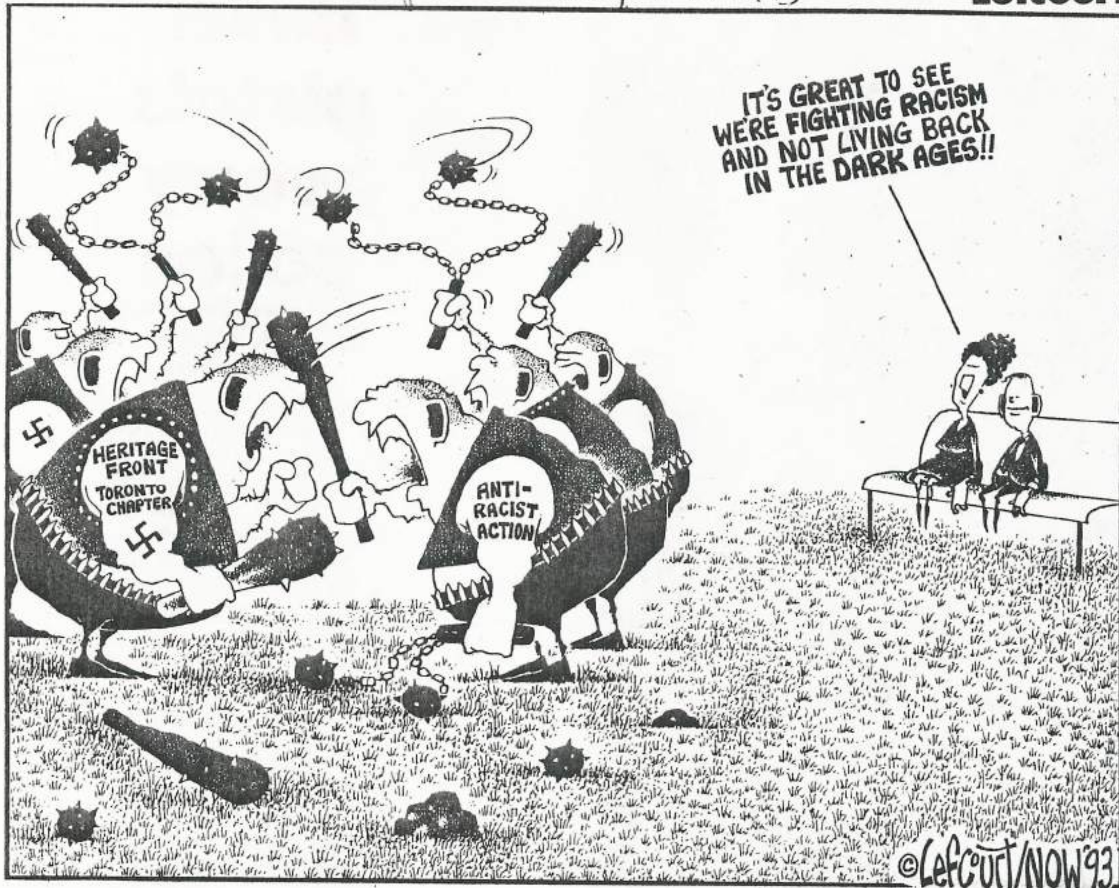
"Two young kids, both 17, were changing serial numbers on stolen cars and selling them for \$2,000 each," Clark said.

Police searched their homes and found the pistols, a sawed-off 12-gauge shotgun, a scoped rifle and stolen goods worth \$4,000.

"They're part of a neo-Nazi skinhead gang," Clark said.

They were charged with weapons and robbery offences after being linked to two convenience store heists.

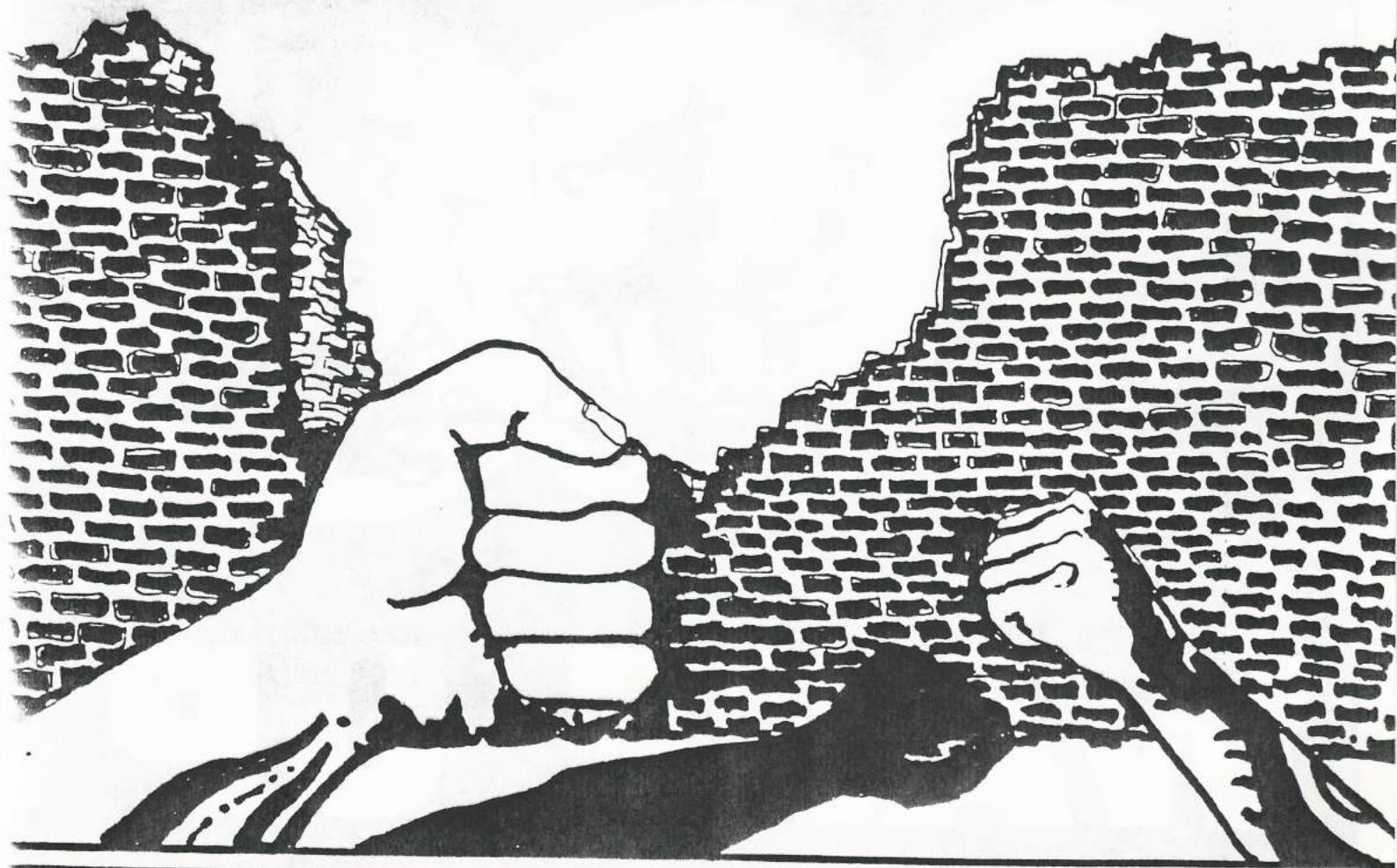
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WAKE UP IT'S TIME TO DIE

July/93

Fascism: What it is and how to fight it

"The struggle against fascism does not begin in the liberal editorial office, but begins in the factory and ends in the street." (Leon Trotsky)

Gunalan Muthulingam, after being savagely beaten by Nazi thugs, has now died in the hospital. The recent racist attacks against Tamil refugees in Toronto have sounded the alarm for many who had previously thought the "reemergence" of fascism was a strictly European phenomenon. Like their counterparts throughout the "First World," the local interbreed of Nazi scum have begun an organized and systematic campaign of race terrorism against those who they consider to be most vulnerable. (Anti-Asian racism, imported with English colonialism, has been a hallmark of Canada since its inception.)

The semispontaneous resistance to the marked growth in fascist activity has drawn militant youth of all races and nationalities into the struggle. Anti-Racist Action (ARA), a group formed last fall to confront Wolfgang Droege's "Heritage Front," has organized a series of sizeable mobilizations, and for that reason has been the focus of considerable media attention. Many people are for the first time seriously asking themselves: What is fascism?

As in the 1930s, an international economic crisis rocks the imperial heartlands as mass unemployment plagues the urban industrial centers. Fascism, the end product of capitalist decay, feeds off the desperation of an increasingly disenfranchised section of society that sees no other way out. Its slogans, its banners and its ideology are but the tainted mask of the frenzied petit bourgeoisie. Though the ruling class prefers bourgeois democracy as a more smooth and efficient means of maintaining control (and hence its rate of profit), it may eventually be compelled, out of fear of widespread revolt and in defence of its own interests, to sacrifice its direct political rule and opt for fascism.

If the rising tide of racist terror is not properly understood, it cannot be properly combatted. History has passed its verdict on those who would dismiss fascist organisations as "irrelevant" or part of the "lunatic fringe." The Heritage Front and its gang of white lumpen losers are growing by the day. As the economic crisis deepens and society becomes increasingly polarized, the fascist filth have begun to crawl out of their holes. They must be stopped. The question is, how?

Peaceful/Legal Strategy: A Dead End

"We're looking for results and results are only found in the judicial system." (Gerda Frieberg, Canadian Jewish Congress)

After each ARA antifascist mobilization, the bourgeois media has shepherded a host of "respectable citizens" to come forward to denounce the "violence" of the demonstrators, and has even obscenely lumped them together in the same camp as the Nazi rabble. Apparently a few ARA supporters have likewise become disillusioned with the confrontationist strategy and are seeking a more peaceful means of stopping them. But the peaceful/legal strategy of the reformist left is based on the belief that the state can or will thwart the rise of fascism if only it is pressured enough to do so. This is a dangerous pacifist illusion. The state is not some neutral arbitrator for abstract "justice" but an instrument of class rule. As such the capitalist state not only turns a blind eye to fascist terror but in times of acute crisis actively encourages it. It is the oppressed who are the victims of fascism, and it is the oppressed who, with the direction of the organized and integrated labor movement, can and must stop it.

Another tactic used by the peaceful/legal types is to "expose" the fascists in the courtrooms. Not only does this give the Nazis a forum to spew their hate but it also coincides very nicely with the fascists' demands for their "right to free speech." "White Power" and Neo-Nazi ideology is not a matter for critical evaluation nor debate. These racist murderers are driven not by the logic of their ideas but by the logic of a system in crisis.

Centrality of the Working Class

There is a prevailing myth on the left that the organized working class or the union movement is a "privileged" layer that will not defend the interests of the "less privileged" (i.e., women, minorities, and gays and lesbians). The bureaucratic misleaders of the unions, the real privileged layer, have in their own way given credence to this myth and only offer very tight lip service to the fight against racism. This is not an accident. As "labor lieutenants of capital," the union bureaucrats act as agents of the bosses in the workers movement and therefore put their local/parochial interests before those of the class as a whole, their episodic off-key outbursts of "Solidarity Forever" notwithstanding.

Under capitalism, the proletariat is only a class for exploitation. Even the apparent higher standard of living is rapidly being eroded through wage freezes and cuts and tax ripoffs, not to mention unemployment. It is in the interest of workers to wage a fight against fascism because it represents the naked class rule of the bosses. Secondly, the organized working class is racially integrated, so it remains a significant obstacle to the Nazis' plans for a "New Order." Making the link between the unions and the specially oppressed sectors of society is key to the struggle against fascism. The organized working class is the only oppressed sector which has both the objective interest and the social power to lead the struggle to crush and defeat the Nazi scum.

Ultimately the struggle against fascism is a struggle to overturn the capitalist system that gave rise to it. This requires the forging of a Leninist party, rooted in the working class, which will act as a tribune of the oppressed, addressing the concrete issues of the day.

We by no means would disparage militants for venting the just rage these creeps deserve. But as the recent police sweeps on radio stations and demonstrations attest, the state is a very powerful institution and is hardly "neutral." It is clear that more than courage and determination are necessary to win the upcoming battle for our workplaces, our streets and our future. Mobilizing the ranks of labor is not a token gesture of "anti-fascist unity" but a burning necessity. The militant ARA mobilizations have sometimes put the Nazis on the run but they will keep coming back. The lessons of history are there for all to learn. Only by linking the struggle against fascism to the need for a workers revolution will that struggle be won once and for all.

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